Rabbi Emeritus Norman Klein Rabbi Emeritus Isaac Neuman Z"L





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#### SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

FRIDAY, May 6

7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service led by B'nai Mitzvah Class

FRIDAY, May 13

7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service

SATURDAY, May 14

10:00 AM Egalitarian Traditional Minyan

FRIDAY, May 20

6:30 PM Shabbat Rocks!

7:30 PM Camp Send Off—Erev Shabbat Service

SATURDAY, May 21

10:00 AM Helen Sussman Bat Mitzvah

FRIDAY, May 27

7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service



Community celebration for Israel's 68th year of Independence 6 to 8 PM at Sinai Temple

Join us for our

Annual Ice Cream Social

at 7:00 pm on Sunday, May 22nd

#### FOLLOWED BY OUR



AT 7:30 PM

Topics at the meeting will include the election of new board members and approving the 2016-2017 budget. The agenda for the meeting as well as the slate of nominees, the proposed budget, and the other business items will be sent to members prior to the meeting.

#### **SUNDAY, MAY 1ST**

Yom HaShoah Commemoration at 7:30 pm

"Through Their Eyes"

A Student Exhibit on the Holocaust 5:30–7:00 pm & 8:30–9:30 pm, and on Wednesday, May 4th, 4:30–6:30 pm

Holocaust Museum in the Levin Lounge



May I say something? May I make a suggestion? May I propose an idea? May the force be with you!

The word, "May," as an auxiliary verb, is most often used in English conversation in an anticipatory manner: to ask permission or to express conditionality or possibility. The month of May at Sinai Temple is full of possibility and anticipation.

By the time many of you read this, we likely will have already held our annual commemoration of Yom HaShoah at 7:30 PM on Sunday, May 1. Each year, we take an evening to reflect on that tragic moment in human history, as we mourn those who were killed and celebrate those who survived, those who resisted, and those who served as protectors and rescuers. This year, Professor Jonathan Druker of Illinois State University is scheduled to

offer reflections on what such commemorations will look like once we no longer have the opportunity to hear firsthand testimony from survivors. The thought of such a time may invoke sadness. or fear that the passage of time and the lack of such witnesses may dilute the impact of these important events. And yet, we reflect on the possibilities: generations of young people who have learned about the Holocaust in school, who study Anne Frank and Elie Wiesel and others, and echo the commitment, "Never Again!" Students from Barkstall Elementary, Franklin Middle School, and Next Generation School displayed poetry and essays and artwork at Sinai Temple, and their reflection on this challenging subject may give us hope that they have absorbed the lessons of our tragic history and commit themselves to building a more peaceful world.

On Thursday, May 12, Sinai Temple will play host to the community's celebration of Yom Ha'Atzma'ut, Israel's Independence Day. It will be a fun evening, celebrating the 68<sup>th</sup> birthday of the modern Jewish state. We recall the vision of Theodor Herzl, "Im tirtzu ein zo agada, if you wish it, it is not a dream." We are grateful for Israel's continued existence as a Jewish homeland, and we embrace her many possibilities. May she continue to flourish as a democratic nation, and continue to become a place of freedom, opportunity, and peace for all her inhabitants.

On Sunday, May 22, we will hold our Annual Meeting. The congregational budget will be presented, and we will welcome a new slate of trustees and officers. Here again, we will have opportunity to reflect on what may come to be, as we thank those whose board service is ending, and we welcome new individuals who will serve as fiduciaries of this congregation. Our Temple has stood strong for more than 100 years as a Jewish home in East Central Illinois, and we embrace the plans and innovations that may greet us as we look toward a bright future.

On Saturday, May 25, we congratulate the Sussman/Wilcox family as Helen Sussman is called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah, kicking off this year's round of B'nai Mitzvah celebrations. Each of our students will indubitably shine in his/her own way, and we congratulate them and their families. We are excited to watch our students as they continue to grow, and look forward to celebrating the leaders that they may become in our community and beyond.

These are just a few of the exciting things that may (and will!) happen at Sinai Temple this month. I hope that I may see you at many of these events!

L'Shalom,

Rabbi Alan Cook

Mazel Tov to **Sam Klein**, son of Rabbi Norman and Andrea Klein, who was accepted to the rabbinical program at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion.



Mazel Tov to **Maia Gersten** who was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa at the University of Michigan.

Mazel Tov to **Peggy and Michael Grossman** who announce with pleasure the birth of their granddaughter,

Kennedy (Kenna) Palaby Grossman on March 28, 2016. The proud parents are Aaron and Charnella and thrilled uncle is Daniel Grossman.

Mazel Tov to **Larry Adelston** entering and completing the Christie Clinic Illinois 5K and half marathon.

Mazel Tov to **Rabbi Alan Cook** who was a nominee for the Dave Benton Difference Maker award in the 2016 STAR Awards, in recognition of his work on interfaith relations in our community.

### Birthday & Anniversary Blessings

If you celebrate a birthday or anniversary in May, please join us at our services on Friday, May 13th, at 7:30 PM. Rabbi Alan will invite all those marking a milestone to join him on the bimah for a special blessing. After the service, we will enjoy treats at the Oneg in your honor!

No RSVP is necessary to participate!

#### SINAI TEMPLE BOARD MEETING, April 2016

There are no new member applications this month.

Financial Report: The preliminary budget was discussed and will be voted on at the May meeting, to go out to the congregation before the Annual meeting.

#### **Upcoming events:**

Yom HaShoah Commemoration will be held on Sunday, May 1 at 7:30 PM.

We are the host for the Yom Ha'atz'ma'ut Celebration this year. It is on Thursday, May 12, from 6 - 8 PM.

The Annual Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, May 22.



Office Closed Monday, May 30th in observance of Memorial Day

The board has been busy during March and April, and I see this continuing into May. While we have all had some fun celebrating Purim and the birth of the newest addition to the Cook family; the board has been looking closely at the Temple finances. As the fiscal year draws to a close, I want to remind every one that if you have not already made your pledge to Sinai for 2015-16, please do so as soon as possible. Pledges do not need to be fulfilled until the end of our fiscal year (June 30). We develop each year's budget based on our actual income and expenses for the previous June through March and an estimate of income and expenses for April through June. As you might guess, it can some times be hard to predict what will actually happen in the months leading up to the close of the fiscal year. The board also negotiated and approved new three-year contracts with Rabbi Alan and Rabbi Jody.

Also working behind the scenes has been our development committee. This committee has been advising the board on strategies to move forward for a capital campaign to renovate our sanctuary spaces. Please keep an eye out for more information about ways you can provide ideas, information, and prioritization to the board as we continue to discuss the needs of our physical spaces.

Our nominating committee has also been working hard. I would like to thank Paul Weichsel (chair), Carmen Glezer, Julia Robinson, Amy Wolff, Richard Cooke, Natalie Frankenberg, and Dan Kopolow (who resigned from the committee in order to accept a nomination to the board) who have given of their time to find congregants to fill the slots being vacated this year on the board. The work completed by this committee is among the most important as it determines the make up of the board for years to come.

Lastly, please join us at the Annual Meeting on Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> for our annual ice cream social, the voting in of new board members, approval of the upcoming budget, some new business, and a general good time.

Thanks,

Gary Bernstein



Please join us on Friday night, May 20th at 7:30 PM for a special camp send-off service in honor of all our students who will be attending overnight camp this summer. The service is designed to help put everyone in the mood for a fantastic summer!

We also want to be in touch with all of our Sinai Temple campers over the summer. Parents, please take a moment to complete this form, so that we may send your camper a special care package while he/she is at camp:

https://sinaicu.wufoo.com/forms/sinai-temple-camper-contact-form-2016/

Bulletin Submission: The deadline for the June/July Bulletin is May 15th. All submissions may be edited for length and content. EMAIL submissions to: Kathy Douglas stoffice@sinaitemplecu.org.

## From our Educator

The 2015-2016 Religious School year is coming to a close. It has been a year of change and a year of growth for the Sinai Temple Religious School students and for the school itself. Thank you to students, parents, teachers and community members who embarked on the journey. Your input, participation and support is critical as the program is constantly being evaluated and changes are always being considered. My goal is that our students enter the building with smiles on their faces, eager to learn, excited to be with their Jewish friends and ready to share. I want the children who come to school to be mindful and proud of their Jewish heritage. I hope that the teachers, parents and community are proud that this generation demonstrates a strong connection to the past and uses their education to transform their Jewish identity. Each of these goals can only be met with the support of our entire community, so I thank you for the role you have played in Sinai Temple Religious School this year.

For parents of students: Summer vacation is well deserved. Our students were exposed to so much this year. Over the summer, please be sure to find ways to engage them in Jewish practice and learning. Attend services, make Shabbat at home, volunteer in the community, raise money for a charitable organization, encourage your child to study Hebrew, visit someone who isn't feeling well, invite guests to your home. At the beginning of the year, I mentioned that my Jewish license plate would read "Living Judaism". Find ways to live Jewishly even though there are no formal classes for several months and you will be teaching your child that being a Jew is not something that comes with a pause button. Stay in touch and let me know what you are doing to foster Jewish identity in your home over the summer. Keep your eyes open for further communication on this subject!

And finally, I want to recognize our wonderful and committed staff. Thank you to "ha-morim" (the teachers). Iris, Garth, Rebecca, Alice, Becky, Eric, Robby, Elana, Jake, Itamar, Abby, Irene, Mick, Leah, Larry, Leah, Daniel, Maia, Abby, Austin and Shoham—each of you have added something special to our school. Your enthusiasm, creativity, knowledge, positive attitude, love of Judaism and love of children is apparent. Although many people will be moving away from our community, and won't be back to teach, I am so glad to that this was our teaching team for 2015-2016. We look forward to a great year next year with some returning teachers, and we look forward to adding new people to our great staff.

Have a wonderful, safe and fun summer!

B'Shalom, Rabbi Jody

# Sinai Temple Gift Shop

(All Gift Shop profits go to support the Religious School)

### MAY SPECIALS



20% OFF ALL in-stock Collectible Boxes and Tzdakah Boxes.

Remember to Check out the

clearance table bargains!



Beginning Sunday, May 8th, we will be open on **SUNDAYS ONLY from** 

10:00 AM-1:00 PM through June 12th, but we will be available by appointment during the entire summer.

#### **Regular Hours of Operation**

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

#### We are ALWAYS open by appointment.

nataliefr@comcast.net or call Email: Natalie Frankenberg (390-4168), Jessica Kopolow (344-6683) or Pam Olson (384-4335). Cash or checks are always welcome. Credit cards accepted for charges over \$25. We now accept Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Discover using SQUARE.

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



### **Announcements**

#### **BOOK GROUP**

#### Monday, May 16th, 7:30 PM

We usually meet on the third Monday of the month. We will be reading *The Bartender's Tale*, by Ivan Doig at the home of Carol Belber, 2105 Mills Dr., U. (384-3030). Facilitator: Carol. Contact Person: Susan Schomer (359-2938).

#### **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.

#### **ISRAELI DANCING**

### Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 PM in the Davis Chapel

We will teach some beginner and intermediate level dances and enjoy lots of open dancing. Melanie Dankowicz & Ronit Barkalifa <a href="mailto:info@dankowicz.com">info@dankowicz.com</a>.

#### **MAH JONGG**

### Wednesday, May 25th at 7:00 PM

Mah Jongg is a game that has been played for generations. Join us for an evening of fun whether you are a seasoned player or beginner (lessons provided). Please bring your own cards, extra cards to share and a snack and a smile.

#### **GENTLE CHAIR YOGA**

#### Thursdays, 9:45 AM to 10:30 AM

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 <a href="mailto:robinfans1@gmail.com">robinfans1@gmail.com</a> or by phone at 217-367-8053.

#### **VIMs**

### Thursday May 5th at 11:45 AM

Calling all women 55 and older, come join us for lunch and fellowship at Milo's in Urbana. We meet the first Thursday of the month. If you would like to join us, please email Joyce Eisenstein at joyjoyce3939@gmail.com.

### R.A.D. WOMEN'S SELF DEFENSE CLASS

#### Mondays, May 2,9,16 & 23, 6:00-9:00 pm

Women's Basic Self-Defense classes will be offered at Sinai Temple in the Davis Chapel (in the North Pod on May 2 only) by RAD-Certified Instructors. The registration fee is \$25 (Free for returning students—bring signed handbook) Scholarships are available. For more information email katherinecoyle2@gmail.com or hlwilper@gmail.com or call The Hope Center for Personal Empowerment at 217-355-1669.

## SINAI TEMPLE FUNDRAISER





Tuesday, May 31st
Dine at Monical's Pizza,
(2 participating locations)
205 N. Mattis, Champaign or
2720 Philo Rd, Urbana

and Monical's will donate 20% of the bill to Sinai Temple.

To participate you will need to present a flyer when you order. (You can pick up a flier located near the name tags or print one from the weekly email.)

#### Helen Sussman Bat Mitzvah

Helen Sussman will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, May 21, 2016 at 10:00 AM.



Helen is a seventh grader at Urbana Middle School. She plays bassoon in the school's band and concert band. For the past two summers, Helen has attended Habonim Dror Camp Tavor. In her spare time, she loves to draw; she's also been learning American Sign Language. Her proud parents are David Sussman and Kirstin Wilcox and her loving sister is Ruth Sussman.

#### **UPCOMING B'NAI MITZVAH**

Charlotte Ebel June 4<sup>th</sup>
Dara Althouse June 18<sup>th</sup>
Aaron Lyubansky July 30<sup>th</sup>

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### Giving

#### ALPINER STERN FLOWER FUND

Hilda Banks, in honor of Eden Cook's baby-naming celebration Bob & Joyce Eisenstein, thanks to all who sent us a Purim Basket

#### **BUILDING FUND**

Stacy Deckard William & Reva Egherman Kate Kuper & Rocky Maffit Michael Neuwirth & Melony Stanton Judy Reynolds Mitchell & Ann Sussman **Edward & Nancy Tepper** John & Bette van Es

#### FRIENDS OF RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Bill & Reva Egherman, thank you to all those who sent us Purim Greetings Dana Rabin & Craig Koslofsky

#### **GENERAL FUND**

Carl & Carol Belber, in memory of Al Goodfriend, in memory of Marilyn Adleman, and in honor of the marriage of Jenny Topolosky daughter of Janis & Maury Topolosky

Miriam Booth, in memory of Al Goodfriend

William & Reva Egherman, in memory of Marilyn Adleman

William & Phyllis Gingold, in memory of Lillian Gingold

Anne Heiles, in honor of Rabbis Alan & Jody Cook and in memory of Paul Mischakoff

Kazuko Goodman, in memory of of Judy Seligman and Rabbi Issac Neuman Julia Kling, in memory of Blair Kling and Maryann Peshkin

Gayle Kopin, in memory of Jack Diamond and Bebbe Mandel

Richard & Shirley Newman, in appreciation of the Purim remembrance and in memory of Charles Miller

Myron & Sonya Sholem, in memory of Leon Ades

Judith & Steve Ullom, in appreciation for the Purim Basket

#### KITCHEN/ONEG FUND

Michael Neuwirth & Melony Stanton Judy Reynolds

#### **MUSIC FUND**

Miriam Booth, in memory of Marilyn Adleman

#### RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Bob & Joyce Eisenstein, in honor of Eden Edward & Nancy Tepper, in honor of Chana Cook our newest Sinai Temple member

Ruth Morhaim, in honor of Rabbis Alan & ROBINSON FUND Jody on the birth of their daughter Sybelle Timberlake & Scott Rohde, in honor of the Cook Family and the Brit

Bat of Eden Chana Maury & Janis Topolosky, in honor of Eden's birth!

#### **RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FUND**

Loretta Dessen, thank you to all who sent a greeting wishing me a happy Purim Ann Einhorn, in honor of the birth of Eden Chana Cook and in appreciation of the Purim Basket

Christina Graham

Eugene Greenberg in appreciation of the Purim Basket

Konrad & Barbara Heuvers, in memory of Malcolm McKenzie McClure for the teaching of Hebrew in your Religious School

Toni Lachman & Judy Reynolds, in memory of our parents, Hermine Ruth Lachman and Malcolm Lachman

Joan Miller, in appreciation of the "sweet & spicy" Purim Gift Bag

Yoram & Carol Mizrahi, welcome to Eden Chana!

Esther Steinberg, thank you to all the people who sent me a wonderful Purim Shalach Manor Basket

Eden Chana

Kazuko Goodman, in memory of Art Robinson

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.



#### TREE OF LIFE LEAF

Our synagogue is proud to possess the Eitz Chaim, a "Tree of Life". This beautiful sculpture, given to us by the Hymowitz family, is permanently displayed in the Sinai Temple lobby. The branches of the tree contain leaves which can be inscribed to highlight or commemorate such joyous events as births, weddings, anniversaries, B'nia Mitzvah, graduations or simply to honor parents, family or friends. Share your happy occasions by inscribing your family "Simchas" on our synagogue's "Tree of Life". This will be a permanent dedication to the meaningful, and happy events that touch our lives. The price per leaf is \$250. For more information, please call the Temple office at (217) 352-8140.

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### Memorials

William Adelston ( 9 May) Samuel Agran (12 May) Henrietta N. Bloomfield ( 5 Iya) Misha Bursztyn ( 4 Iya) Doris Denburg (11 May) Edward Dessen ( 8 May) Sonia Doppelt ( 9 May) Carolyn Kuhn Feffer ( 7 May) Wahei Fujimoto (29 Nis) Donald M. Ginsberg ( 7 May) Becky Glaser (11 May)	Morton S. Glaser ( 8 May) Daniel Leon Harlib (29 Nis) Ernest W. Lane (12 May) Harry David Lebenson (12 May) Sara Lewis ( 8 May) Simon Litman ( 7 May) Mariane Tager Melnikoff ( 8 May) Pearl Miller (10 May) Mary Ann Nathan (29 Nis) Beverly Newman (11 May) Sarah Braudes Olefsky ( 7 May)	William Edward Perkel (12 May) Sidney P. Radeloff (12 May) Ida Reider (30 Nis) Lee E. Roland (10 May) Minnie Sosnoff (8 May) Lillian G. Stauffer (11 May) Amelia Alpiner Stern (12 May) David Uzrad (5 Iya) Herman Edward Waisvisz (9 May) Rose Weissler (4 Iya)
Ruth B. Barker (17 May) Barbara Ann Berg (17 May) Henry Jacob Blum (16 May) Leah Cohen Bojar (7 Iya) Della Faiman (9 Iya) Herbert E. Francisco (8 Iya) Morris Garfinkel (17 May) Alice Grossman (17 May)	Sarah Gofseyeff Heller ( 6 Iya) Mildred Hirshenson (18 May) Armin H. Koller (17 May) Peter Korogodsky (15 May) Adele Lipson (15 May) Jack Rothenberg (18 May) Rose Siegel (15 May)	
Sol Averbuch (22 May) David Ralph Berkson (24 May) Abe Blockman (21 May) Doris Sweital Brody (23 May) Estelle Brotherson (26 May) Addie Bernstein Cohen (25 May) Agha-Jan Gahvari (13 Iya) Jack Goodfriend (24 May) Pearle Gruenstein (27 May)	Lila Ziven Katz (22 May) Ginger Kuper (13 Iya) Samuel Lenik (15 Iya) Rachel Lewis (26 May) George Miller (21 May) Jacob Royce Nathan (13 Iya) Ethel Lydia Olson (26 May) Rose Lillian Lipman Rigberg (24 May) Lillian Sherman (26 May)	Flora Sholem (22 May) Moses Guy Soskin (25 May) Robert Arlen Swartz (23 May) David Jacob Waisvisz (21 May) Morris Zimmerman (21 May)
Zelda Trenner Derber (30 May) Bessie S. Greenspon (29 May) Halvor Groven (30 May) Lucille Koenigsberg (30 May) Katherine Schlesinger Koller (1 Jun) Stephen Kotok (2 Jun) Gertrude S. Kushner (1 Jun) Horense (Moritz) Mischakoff (2 Jun)	Ruby Carol Ginsberg Miskie ( 2 Jun) Esther S. Mittleman ( 1 Jun) Bernard Regardie Perry (26 Iya) Martin Pierce (29 May) Maxine Pombert (28 May) Sarah Savran (23 Iya) Harold Morris Schomer (26 Iya) Marion Sherman ( 2 Jun)	Hyman F. Simonson ( 3 Jun) Marie Simon Simonson (29 May) Sophie Weinberg (22 Iya) Emilio Weiss (30 May)
Solomon Alpiner (10 Jun) Celia Blockman (10 Jun) Irvin Bloom (9 Jun) Hy Danowitz (9 Jun) Burton H. Fagan (4 Jun) Samuel Greene (10 Jun) Judit Isa Halberstam (10 Jun)	Ethel Herman (29 Iya) Irving Kohen ( 9 Jun) Alvin Konick ( 5 Jun) Adele G. Libman ( 8 Jun) Ida Libman ( 5 Jun) Molly Mayorwitz ( 6 Jun) Samuel Meyerson ( 1 Siv)	Walter W. Stern (10 Jun) Rosalia Blumenfeld Fagan Treuman ( 8 Jun) Marjorie Katz Weiser ( 1 Siv)

Adding memorials to your membership record is simple. Just call the Temple office (or email us at <a href="mailto:stoffice@sinaitemplecu.org">stoffice@sinaitemplecu.org</a>) 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.

Alfred Smith (6 Jun)

Frank Helman (29 Iya)



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