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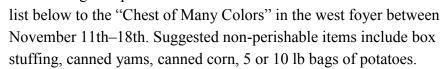
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Thanksgiving Food Baskets

Once again Sinai Temple will be creating food baskets for local families in need. Our goal is to provide 20 baskets this year. Please bring non-perishable items from the





If you wish to contribute fresh items, such as milk, eggs, turkey, etc., please contact Leanna at 509-270-1812 or drop off a Meijer's or Schnuck's gift card. Thank you in advance for your support of this important cause.

Leanna Cossman and the Social Action Committee

special thank you from the music committee to Harry Dankowicz, Frances and Mitch Harris for providing wonderful music and dancing during our Simchat Torah celebration October 24th. Also, thanks to Ralph Senn for the delicious pizza, bread sticks and salad. Thanks to Kate Kuper and Andrea Klein for singing during the service and all the rest of the music committee for their hard work making it such a successful evening.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW for the Chanukah Showcase in December!

Sunday, December 11th & 18th. The first Chanukah candle is Saturday, December 24th. The full schedule will be in the December Bulletin.



5:30 PM Erev Shabbat Services dinner to follow

SATURDAY. NOVEMBER 5

10:00 AM Morning Service

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11

7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12

10:00 AM Egalitarian Traditional Minyan

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18

5:30 PM Shabbat Rocks! Next Dor 7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19

10:00 AM English Service

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25

7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Services

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26

10:00 AM Egalitarian Traditional Minyan



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Thursday, November 24 & Friday, November 25 in observance of Thanksgiving

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DEPENDING ON YOUR READING

HABITS, by the time you see this column, the presidential election of 2016 may already have been decided. Perhaps your favorite candidate emerged victorious; perhaps he or she was defeated. Perhaps you weren't happy with any of the choices on the ballot, because your preferred candidate dropped from the race during the primaries, or never even threw his or her hat into the ring.

Certainly, in the immediate term, some will have very strong emotions—whether positive or negative—regarding the election results. But I think what will be more important and more telling for our country's future is how individuals respond to their excitement or disappointment about the election in the weeks, months and years

ahead. There are currently no plans to start a satellite branch of Sinai in Toronto, so we will need to find ways to come together and to dial back from the harsh rhetoric that has characterized this race. We will need to relearn how to engage in respectful dialogue with one another, and how to operate collaboratively and openly in our social interactions and in the political sphere.

Many aspects of the campaign struck a nerve with many people. New segments of the population were mobilized (whether for good or for ill). Some of the electorate came to believe that the de facto two-party system that has held for the past several years is inappropriate in a true democracy and that changes need to be made to provide alternative candidates with greater opportunity and visibility. The next four years can be a time for activism and advocacy to help bring these so-called "third parties" into the mainstream.

Some of the electorate became convinced that the deck was stacked against their preferred candidate. Hopefully, by the time you read my words, any notion of fraud will have been put to rest. But for America to fully recover from the contentiousness brought on by sentiments such as this, we will need to continue to try to build bridges, to help people recognize that America works best when opportunities are available for all. We need to have our eyes, ears, and

hearts open to others who feel pain because they feel that perhaps this country has left them behind.

In 1938, Langston Hughes wrote:
"Let America be America Again
Let it be the dream it used to be.
Let it be the pioneer on the plain
Seeking a home where he himself is free.
(America never was America to me.)"
(from "Let America Be America Again")

The ADL and other hate-monitoring groups sadly have reported a rise in anti-Semitic incidents during this election. I am not one to see a threat around every corner, nor am I one to dismiss or excuse when there is clear evidence of hatred. We are seeing increased divisiveness in this country. We need to find ways to repudiate Hughes' bitter refrain, to celebrate an America that does provide her promise to all regardless of race, class, gender, etc. When we do so, when we ensure that everyone has access to the "inalienable rights" of "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness," then maybe we will be able to pull ourselves back from this brink, and perhaps we will move forward from the contentious nature of the election toward healing and cooperation.

L'Shalom,

Rabbi Alan Cook



Mazel Tov to **Judi & Rudi Laufhutte**, whose daughter Christa will marry Jason Moore on November 11, 2016.

Mazel tov to **Ben LeRoy**, who was named the 2016 Emerging Planner of the Year by the Illinois Chapter of the American Planning Association.

Mazel Tov to **Melanie Dankowicz**, whose "Hebrew Clock in Black" is featured this year at the Hebrew Union College's Jewish Institute of Religion Museum in New York. The exhibit, Paint by Numbers, will be open through June 2017.

Mazel Tov to the students at Urbana High School on their scholastic achievements that were recognized October 19th at the Academic Monogram Night: **Rachel Bernstein, Henry Novak, Ruth Sussman. Tamra Gingold** was also mentioned as having a major impact on their educational success.

Birthday & Anniversary Blessings

If you celebrate a birthday or anniversary in October, please join us at our services on Friday, November 11th 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 OCTOBER BOARD MEETING

- New Member application from Benjamin and Michelle Hankin, All in FAVOR.
- Finance Committee approved repairs to roof and gutters for \$385.00, coming out of the Building Fund.
- Finances: Andrea will report any anomalies to the board on a quarterly basis.
- Leanna Cossman has agreed to be the Social Action chairperson.

lease join us at 10 AM on Saturday, November 19th for an English Service. We will be celebrating the 15th anniversary of the English Service. This service, developed by Peter and Judy Braunfeld, celebrates our Classical Reform Heritage, using an updated edition of the Union Prayer Book. All are welcome.

Our next First Friday Feast takes place on Friday, December 3. We will have a brief worship service at 5:30 PM (Please note: this is our only service that evening). Afterwards, you are invited to join all of your Sinai Temple friends as we enjoy a Shabbat dinner together.

This month, in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Alina Loewenstein, we will have a catered dinner, RSVPs are required, to ensure that we have sufficient food. The suggested cost is only \$5 per person. Please visit https://sinaicu.wufoo.com/forms/z1666i9q1y6swhe/ to RSVP.



AS THIS IS THE BEGINNING of November and with the high holidays just ending, it seems appropriate for me to say thanks. One of the first things taught in many leadership classes is that the most important resource of any enterprise is its people. In a volunteer organization, such as Sinai Temple, the people are not only our most important resource, but they are also the reason that our organization even exists. Sinai Temple's mission is not just about prayer, worship and education; but also includes fellowship, loyalty, and goodwill.

During the past month of October, our community came together to worship and celebrate Rosh Hashanah (Reform, Traditional, Children and Family, and Jewnior services), Kol Nidre (Traditional and Reform), Yom Kippur (Reform, Traditional, Children and Family, and Jewnior services), Sukkot, Simchat Torah, and the normal array of Shabbat services.

I can't begin to name all the specific people that contributed, but all are deserving of thanks. Sure, some are obvious like Rabbi Alan, Rabbi Jody, Martha and the choir, Larry, and Allison and the Shabbat Singers. There are also Kathy, Roxanna, John and Natalie who take care of the Temple and the business side of the Temple. There were babysitters during the services and members of the Baha'i community that assisted with the High Holiday food drive. There are also the board officers and board members who served as ushers, greeters and readers. There are the children and building committee members who helped setup all the chairs and distributed books in between services. There are those who brought food for the community events and those that cleaned up afterwards. There are the youth and adults who read Torah. Haftorah, and other select passages. There are the shofar blowers and the sukkah builders. I am sure I must be forgetting someone to mention; please accept my apology.

I also greatly appreciate all of the members of our community who help out in many ways that ensure the community has great and meaningful events during this time of year (and the rest of the year as well). Without all of your support this community would not be the wonderful and caring community that it is.

I spent much of my High Holiday speeches talking about what we need to prepare for the future. I did so, because I want too ensure that this community continues to be strengthened and that we ensure that it is on solid footing for many years to come.

Lastly, THANK YOU for all your contributions to the community, both now and in the future.

Gary Bernstein

Bulletin Submission: The deadline for the December Bulletin is November 15th. All submissions may be edited for length and content. **EMAIL submissions to:** Kathy Douglas stoffice@sinaitemplecu.org.

From our Educator





Religious School: November 6, 13

Hebrew School: November 2, 6, 9, 13, 16

NOTE: We are hoping to have Mitzvah Day on November 20. Please look for more information via email blast! If we are unable to offer enough opportunities for families to volunteer, we will let you know! There will not be religious school or Hebrew school on November 20.

Shabbat Rocks/Next Dor: November 18

Annual "Thanksgiving" Feast for dinner and a visit from URJ OSRUI Camp Director—Jerry Kaye

In addition to kicking off the school year, youth centered programming is in full swing. CUTY has over 20 registered members and a newly elected board of leaders who will design social, tikkun olam based and religious/cultural programs for the

year. Participants have done a scavenger hunt and tashlich program on campus and some members travelled to Chicago for a regional event.

KIDdush Club hosted a Pop Up Play Date, facilitated by KOOP (Kid-Owned and Operated Play). We welcomed over 25 young children to the beautiful backyard at Sinai Temple for several hours of sunshine, and creativity. Our next program will be on December 18—a pool party at the Urbana Indoor Aquatic Center.

Jewnior Congregation was attended by over 20 children (both on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur). We made fleece tie blankets to donate, saw a presentation by the Pollinatarium, tasted different honey varieties and learned that we have to change our behavior when we apologize for a mistake that we made. Students from Kindergarten through 6th grade worked together, learned together and prayed together.

12 students from the Religious School attended the Archery program. Just like in archery, there are times when we hit the target and times when we miss the mark. All improved with practice, which should be a goal in life!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION!

Announcements

SUNDAY ADULT EDUCATION

Sundays, 10:30 AM-11:30 AM

We meet on the weeks when Religious School is in session. At 9 AM, you are invited to join us for an informal session of Talmud study. We will be looking at Tractate Berachot. No prior experience or knowledge of Hebrew or Aramaic is necessary. At 10 AM, we will have our Adult Education sessions. This year, Rabbi Alan will guide us toward understanding other faiths. We'll begin with a general overview of Christianity. In subsequent weeks, we will explore distinctions between Christian denominations. In the second half of the year we will have field trips to area churches to observe their Sunday worship.

BOOK GROUP

Monday, November 7th at 7:30 PM

We usually meet the third Monday of the month, but this month we will meet on the second Monday due to the Thanksgiving holiday. We will be reading Little Demon in the City of Light, by Steven Levingston at the home of Natalie Frankenberg, 3705 Marjorie Lane, C. (390-4168). Facilitator: Natalie Frankenberg. 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.

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 robinfans1@gmail.com or by phone at 217-367-8053.

VIMs

Thursday, November 3rd 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.

SINAI TEMPLE GIFT SHOP (MI Cift Shop profits go to support the Religious School)

NOVEMBER SPECIAL

20% OFF All In-Stock Kiddush Cups. In addition to our adult Kiddush cups, we have a large selection of baby and child Kiddush cups



40% OFF MERCHANDISE (or reasonable offer) ON OUR INVENTORY CLEARANCE TABLE!

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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.

Email: nataliefr@comcast.net or call 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.

Upcoming Bat Mitzvah: Alina Loewenstein - 12/3/16



A special THANK YOU to Janie Yairi for all her help with the Labor of Love projects. We apologize for the omission in last month's bulletin.



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Ira & Lynn Wachtel, in memory of Leonard Heumann with gratitude for all Leonard did to build our community, both physically and spiritually.

HIGH HOLY DAYS

Elisa Birnbaum & Gary Weiss, in honor of Freda Birnbaum and in memory of Howard Birnbaum

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Calling all musicians and lovers of klezmer

music! Frances Harris will be giving a free klezmer workshop at the upcoming C-U Folk and Roots Festival on Saturday, November 5, 2016, from 12:30–1:30 PM at the Community Center for the Arts (C4A) in the upstairs studios. Though this session is pitched to instrumentalists (with a special focus on violin), anyone is welcome. C4A is at 103 N. Race St., just south of the Courier Café. Take the door to the right and go up the stairs. More information about the session is at http://folkandroots.org/klezmer-workshop-with-frances-harris/; more information about the festival in general is at http://folkandroots.org.



ISRAELI DANCING

Saturday, November 12th at 7:00 PM Phillips Recreation Center, 505 W Stoughton St, Urbana

We hope you will come and enjoy an evening of Israeli dancing! All are welcome,

regardless of age or experience. We will start at 7:00 with beginner circle dances, and progress to an intermediate level. Please wear clean, soft-soled shoes to protect the floor.

Melanie Dankowicz & Ronit Barkalifa info@dankowicz.com

September Memorials

Jesse Belber (9 Nov) Louie Blockman (8 Nov) Sarah Blockman (5 Che) Molly Denenholz (11 Nov) Ruth Jacobs Gordon (7 Nov) Jenny Gottheil (10 Nov) Ruby Kanfer (7 Nov)	Meyer Klorfine (7 Nov) Joseph Lasker (5 Nov) Sylvia Leary (7 Nov) Nathan Meyerson (5 Che) Aili Bykkonen Monahan (5 Nov) Solomon Rosenberg (5 Nov) Susie Stewart (8 Nov)	Arlen Tepper (5 Nov) Abe H. Waxman (9 Nov)
Ann Black (16 Nov) Eva Cutler (12 Nov) Lawrence Martin Davis (14 Nov) Florence Goldberg (13 Nov) Elinor Wildstein Harris (12 Nov) Jacob Herman (15 Nov) Fred Hess (16 Nov) Martha Kaplan (17 Che)	Miriam Korogodsky (18 Nov) Rose Weinberger Levy (18 Nov) David F. Linowes (17 Che) Stuart S. Nagel (18 Nov) Rabbi Isaac Neuman (17 Nov) Molly Newman (16 Nov) Lev Oykhberg (13 Nov) Minnie Rosenstein (18 Nov)	Ely Rotman (15 Che) Ephraim Shalev (11 Che) Dorothy Silverman (15 Che) Susan Melanie Sirkis (13 Nov) Louis Isaac Steinberg (11 Che) Lawrence Weingarten (12 Nov) Irving Weissman (12 Nov) Roslyn Mae Boxerman Woolf (17 Nov)
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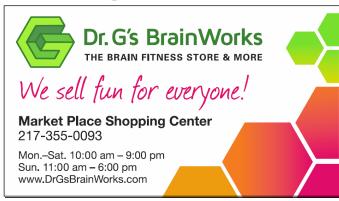
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