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 list below to the “Chest of Many Colors” in the west foyer between November 11th–18th. Suggested non-perishable items include box stuffing, canned yams, canned corn, 5 or 10 lb bags of potatoes.

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

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.
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

Birthday & Anniversary Blessings

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.

Mazel Tov to Tamra Gingold for being mentioned as having a major impact on their educational success.

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!
From the Board

**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.

**President Gary Bernstein**

*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

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**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.
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

We have been SO busy!

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!
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 Frankenber, 3705 Marjorie Lane, C. (390-4168). Facilitator: Natalie Frankenber. 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 robindans1@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.

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!

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.  
Email: natalierfr@comcast.net or call Natalie Frankenber (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.
Giving

BUILDING FUND
Judy Bach, in memory of Bob Eisenstein and in memory of Leonard Heumann
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STANLEY & JOAN LEVY, in honor of Arnold Blockman for the many years of devoted service as Circuit Judge and in honor of Randy Rosenbaum in joining the judicial ranks of Champaign County and in memory of Len Heumann
Gary & Fraeda Porton, in memory of Helen Levin, in memory of Leonard Heumann, in memory of Jerry Kaufman and in memory of Abaraham Mizrahi
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
Margaret Saks, with thanks for the High Holy Day Services
Elizabeth Weiss, Rosh Hashanah Flowers

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William & Fran Strauss, plaque for Frada Deutsch Green

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Marshall Greenberg & Lee Egherman, in memory of Blanche Sudman

TRADITIONAL MINYAN FUND
Faye Lesht & Joyce Meyer, in memory of Paul Hyman Meyer

This listing only reflects donations received through mid-October. Donations received after this date will be acknowledged in future Bulletins. 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.

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
Adding memorials to your membership record is simple. Just call the Temple office (or email us at stoffice@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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The purpose of Sinai Temple is to worship God in accordance with the Jewish faith; to cultivate a love and understanding of Jewish heritage through education; to stimulate fellowship in the Jewish community; to strengthen bonds of loyalty with Jewish people everywhere; and to bring nearer the Dominion of God on earth through an emphasis on righteousness (tzedakah), commandments (mitzvot), and goodwill (gemilut hasidim) to one another and to society at large.