



Bulletin 2017



Rabbi Alan Cook
Rabbi Emeritus Norman Klein
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First Friday Feast

We will have a very special Interfaith Seder on Friday, April 7th, 5:30 pm. We will welcome friends and neighbors from the Central Illinois Mosque and Islamic Center and from the First Mennonite Church. We will begin at 5:30 PM for a special Seder and meal that will tell the story of Passover by reflecting on humanity's ongoing struggle to attain peace and freedom for all people. Drawing from our tradition and the faith traditions of our guests, we will share in food, song, prayer, and dialogue. *Please note, the seder will take the place of our regular Shabbat worship this evening. There will still be opportunity for mourners to recite Kaddish.*

Community Seder

Rabbi Alan will once again be conducting a seder for the community on the second night of Passover, Tuesday, April 11th, 5:30 PM at the UIUC Cohen Hillel, (503 E. John St.) All are welcome, so bring your friends and family! Please RSVP at <https://sinaicu.wufoo.com/forms/ml1uhcwm0cmgnwu/>.

Yom HaShoah

Please join us for the Yom HaShoah Commemoration Service on Sunday, April 23, at 7:30 pm. Our guest speaker will be Marvin A. Sweeney. Dr. Sweeney is Professor of Hebrew Bible at the Claremont School of Theology and Professor of Bible at the Academy for Jewish Religion, California, where he teaches courses in Hebrew Bible and the History of Judaism and Jewish Thought. His topic will be: "Two Jews Confront the Unspeakable: Reading Isaiah and Esther After the Shoah"

See pg. 6 for information on "Through Their Eyes" Holocaust exhibit April 23rd-26th.

Passover Showcase

in the Levin Lounge

FOR ONE DAY ONLY!

Sunday, April 2nd,
9:00 AM-2:00 PM

We will have everything you need to observe and celebrate Passover! From Seder plates and matzah trays to hostess gifts and Afikomen prizes, we've got you covered!

Schedule of Services

FRIDAY, APRIL 7

5:30 PM Interfaith Seder

SATURDAY, APRIL 8

10:00 AM Egalitarian Traditional
Minyan

TUESDAY, APRIL 11

10:00 AM Egalitarian Traditional
Minyan
5:30 PM Community Seder at
UIUC Cohen Hillel

FRIDAY, APRIL 14

7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service

TUESDAY, APRIL 18

10:00 AM Egalitarian Traditional
Minyan

FRIDAY, APRIL 21

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

SUNDAY, APRIL 23

7:30 PM Yom HaShoah
Commemoration Service

FRIDAY, APRIL 28

7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service

OFFICE CLOSED:

Tues, April 11

Tues, April 18



OFFICE HOURS: Monday – Friday, 9:00 AM–4:00 PM

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From the Rabbi's Desk



By this point, I am sure that everyone is aware that since the beginning of 2017, Jewish Community Centers and other Jewish institutions across North America have been the targets of bomb threats and other terrorist attempts to intimidate. Some facilities have had to repeatedly evacuate out of an abundance of caution. Thankfully, none of the calls thus far have proven truthful, and there have been no injuries. And we are grateful that, as of this writing, nothing

has been directed against any institution in our local Jewish community. But we dare not be lulled into a false sense of complacency. As Gary Bernstein notes in his president's article, we are currently evaluating all of our security procedures to ensure that we are proactive and prepared.

Later this month, as we sit around our *seder* tables and tell the story of the Exodus, we will recount Pharaoh's cruelty to our enslaved ancestors. The text of the *haggadah* reminds us, "Not one enemy alone has stood against our people in an effort to destroy us. Rather, in every generation an adversary arises, attempting to strike us down. But the Holy One, Blessed be God, helps to save us from the hands of the oppressors." We are encouraged to be vigilant, but also to have hope and faith that, in the end, we will prevail.

But the *haggadah* also reminds us that our destiny is intertwined with the destiny of others. As we recite the Ten Plagues, we pour out wine from our glasses, diminishing the sweetness of our celebration as we recall the Egyptians who lost their lives as our ancestors were achieving their freedom. We recite, "Let all who are hungry come and eat," which I believe speaks not only for those who may be enduring physical hunger, but also those who seek spiritual nourishment, and those who hunger for acceptance and self-fulfillment.

So as we celebrate this festival of our freedom and embrace pride in the stories of our Jewish past, so too let us redouble our efforts to ensure that our people and our heritage thrive well into the future. As we stand for our own rights, so too let us stand with our friends and neighbors in the Muslim community, in the LGBTQ community, in the African-American and Latino communities, in immigrant and refugee communities, and in all those communities who find that their minority voices are not always heard. Let us amplify their calls for freedom and rights alongside our own, for only when all are free can we be free.

I wish you a joyous and meaningful Passover.

L'shalom,

Rabbi Alan Cook

SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE



May 5th–6th, 2017, Sinai Temple is pleased to welcome Dr. Gary Zola as our Steinberg scholar-in-residence. Dr. Zola is the Executive Director of the American Jewish Archives in Cincinnati, Ohio and a renowned scholar of Jewish-American history.

Our weekend will begin on Friday, May 5th, with a special early Shabbat service at 5:30 PM. Following our worship, we will gather for our First Friday Feast (please RSVP for the dinner at <http://sinaicu.wufoo.com/forms/m12mlwl01rkf3r>). Dr. Zola will speak on "Lincoln and the Jews."

On Saturday, May 6th at 10 AM, there will be a Shabbat morning service conducted by the Egalitarian Traditional Minyan. Rabbi Alan and Dr. Zola will offer a joint Dvar Torah. A kiddush luncheon will follow the service, after which, Dr. Zola will lead a study session on George Washington's letter to the Jews of Newport, Rhode Island.

Saturday evening, we will gather at 7:30 PM for havdalah and a dessert reception. Dr. Zola will speak on Jews and Civil Rights.

All events are open to the entire community and appropriate for all ages. This weekend is made possible by the Steinberg Scholar-in-Residence fund at the Champaign-Urbana Jewish Endowment Fund.

HOLOCAUST MUSEUM DISPLAY



The Sinai Temple Museum proudly presents this year's Holocaust display in the Levin Lounge. It will be an exhibit of artwork by Agnes Matjinsky Pal, a renowned metalsmith from Edwardsville, IL, and a Holocaust survivor. Her work explores the relationship of the creative act of artmaking as a vehicle for healing and remembrance. The exhibit begins on April 15th and runs until the end of June.

From the Board

March and April are busy times of the year for our community. Winter is receding and spring has been knocking on the door most of this year. Many of us will be getting outside soon and working on gardens and general home improvements. Additionally, Sinai Temple's Building committee is considering a Spring Clean-up day at the end of April (watch your email for more information). I hope that many were able to take advantage of the academic calendar break to get some needed rest and rejuvenation that only time away can provide. While my family was not able to get away, I thoroughly enjoyed the CUTY led Friday night service and the Purim celebration. Thanks again to Rabbi Alan for his creative spark that makes each year's Purim spiel a fun adventure. I would like to thank the all-volunteer Purim Players cast (and crew) for helping bring to life Rabbi Alan's creations, even if it is only for one performance.

As of this writing, the nominating committee has begun its work to fill upcoming vacancies on the Board of Trustees. As I mentioned last month, if you receive a request from the committee, I urge you to seriously consider the honor and the request. The committee is looking for people that they believe can continue to strengthen and advance the needs of our Jewish community.

The finance committee has also begun (and should be finishing up shortly) its work in sending a budget to the board for its approval. As has been the case for many of the past years, we have many great ideas on ways to spend the limited funds with very little discretionary funding available. As in years past, we will do our best to use your membership money as responsibly as possible, while still providing for the needs of our community.

In addition to working on the budget, the board has also been discussing the distressing state of affairs happening in the world. Several temple staff members and the chair of the building committee have met with local law enforcement to review our emergency procedures and to identify additional measures that we can take to ensure the safety of the community. The board will continue to discuss the recommendations and will identify the best ways to move forward. I want to assure you that, as of this writing, we have not been the recipients of any threats and have no reason to believe that we are in imminent danger. We wish to review our protocols so that we can be proactive instead of reactive.

In the coming days, we will be celebrating Passover with family and friends. At Sinai's April First Friday Feast (4/7), we will welcome friends and neighbors from the Central Illinois Mosque and Islamic Center and from First Mennonite Church for a special Seder and meal that will tell the story of Passover by reflecting on humanity's ongoing struggle to attain peace and freedom for all people. I hope you can join us for this and/or the community seder on April 11th at Hillel. Please follow the links in the email to RSVP.

Chag Sameach!

Gary Bernstein

SINAI TEMPLE MARCH 2017 BOARD MEETING

- ☆ Diane Ore, who has been chair of the Kitchen committee and the Oneg committee for many years, is stepping down. We thank Diane for her many years of service, and we look forward to her continued support in other ways. The board is investigating if the job can be divided into smaller parts and more than one person can share the duties. If you are interested in helping to fill this position, please contact Gary Bernstein or Rabbi Alan.
- ☆ The Building committee is planning a Spring Clean Up day on April 30th, 10:00 AM-12:30 PM.
- ☆ There are still some unfilled Oneg spots on the calendar. Please sign up for a date, so we have the Onegs covered.
- ☆ The Finance Committee voted to send Larry Adelston to Hava Nashira this year. The funding for that will be through the Music Obligated Fund.

Happy Passover.

Birthday & Anniversary Blessings

If you celebrate a birthday or anniversary in April, please join us at our services on

Friday, April 14th 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 our Educator

Passover Resources

Spring is here (I think/hope) which means Pesach/Passover is coming soon! I know that planning a seder, preparing food that is kosher for Passover, cleaning the home, pulling out seder plates made at Religious School, finding the haggadot and chopping the apples is a lot of work—but it pales in comparison to the work that our ancestors did in Egypt. We have an obligation on Passover to retell the story of the Exodus, to remember the struggle of our ancestors, to acknowledge God freeing them from slavery and to welcome strangers into our homes. There are many ways to bring these mitzvot to your seder table and to engage the participants. Pesach is an incredible teaching opportunity and there are wonderful resources and ideas that can be incorporated into your seder, turning it into the learning experience that it should be.

Perhaps you will:

1. Have a make your own charoset bar—have dried fruits and nuts set out and let people make their own creation. Or make several different charoset recipes for participants to taste.
2. Set the table to look like the Israelites are crossing the sea—blue runners on the sides, white or brown in the middle. Complete the look with dolls or action figures walking through the center.
3. Play Seder Bingo—make Bingo cards with seder elements. If a word is mentioned during the seder, mark it!
4. Turn a part of the seder into a discussion about current events. What would it be like to be a refugee today? What are things that plague our world now? Mitzrayim (Egypt) means “narrow”—what is an experience that made you feel confined?

Stir up your seder with more ideas from:

- <http://reformjudaism.org/jewish-holidays/passover-pesach>
- <http://www.reformjudaism.org/creative-ideas-your-passover-seder>
- <https://www.templerodefshalom.org/passover-stir-up-your-seder/>



To all who participated in the Purim Basket Greeting Project! We had our most successful year yet!



Religious School: April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Hebrew School: April 5, 19, 26

No School: April 12 (for Passover)

OTHER EVENTS:

April 5 Zoo Improv for 3rd-7th grade after Hebrew

April 14 Alef/Bet Class Service, Dinner and Oneg

April 21 Next Dor/Shabbat Rocks

HERO ISRAEL—Superhero Shabbat

Below are some of the responses I have received from the Maimonides Challenge. . . .

This month, the level is giving to others before being asked. Remember to email Rabbi Jody if you did this type of mitzvah in April!

MARCH: Giving to someone directly after being asked:

1. Our family hands out comfort bags to people who are asking for help. We see people on street corners and we carry bags of snacks, socks, toothpaste and nice notes so we can pass them out.
2. Supporting the Sinai Temple Friends of the Religious School campaign.

Announcements

BOOK GROUP

Monday, April 17th at 7:30 PM

The Book Group usually meets the third Monday of the month at 7:30 PM. We will be reading, *The Shepherd's Life: Modern Dispatches from an Ancient Landscape* by James Rebanks. Host and Facilitator: Ann Sapoznik, 308 Yankee Ridge Ln., U. (367-5256). We will be choosing new books in May, so if you have any suggestions, please email nataliefr@comcast.net
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

Tuesdays, 10:45 AM to 11:30 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, April 6th 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 Astrid Berkson at astridjb@comcast.net.

New Member Spotlight on The Noven Family



Martin and Rebekah Noven, along with 7-year-old Daliah and 5-year-old Asher, moved to Champaign from Chicago in December 2016. Martin's mother, Monica, also moved with them to Champaign from Evanston.

Martin is the Executive Director of the State Universities Retirement System (SURS). Rebekah is a stay-at-home mom. The family joined Sinai Temple to be a part of the Reform Jewish community in their new town, and provide their children with an opportunity to gain a Jewish education.

When asked about their favorite Jewish holiday, the parents deferred to the kids, who like Hanukkah and Passover for the gifts and food.

In their leisure time, Rebekah runs marathons and does a lot of baking; Martin likes to exercise and read political biographies. Daliah is an avid reader and plays the violin. Asher loves doing construction projects and going on outdoor adventures.



**2017 ANNUAL BENEFIT & RAFFLE
for the Daily Bread Soup Kitchen**

**Wednesday, April 19th
3:30-6:00 PM**

**SILVERCREEK RESTAURANT
402 N. RACE, URBANA**



A SPRING GROUNDS CLEANUP DAY will be held on April 30th from 10:00 AM-12:30 PM. We are looking for volunteers to help clean up the Temple grounds, raking, mulching, pruning, etc. If you are able to help, please bring your gloves, rakes and brooms.



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GENERAL FUND

Peter & Caroline Coulston, thank you for
all you do.
Joyce Nagel Eisenstein, with thanks to all
who sent me a Purim Basket
Minna Friedman, in memory of Murray
Friedman
Robert Greenstein, in appreciation of
yahrzeit reminders
Annette Karsh, in memory of Bernard
Karsh and in memory of Paul Karsh
Gayle Kopin, in memory of Jenny Mandel
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RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Christina Graham
Ruth Morhaim, Thank you to all who sent
me a Purim Basket.

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In loving memory of Helen Levin by Emily
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*(All Gift Shop profits go to support
the Religious School)*

Passover Showcase on

Sunday, April 2nd—ONE DAY ONLY

SEE THE FRONT PAGE FOR ALL THE DETAILS!

Ready for Passover?

**Let the Sinai Temple Gift Shop help!
Stop in each day to see our
Daily Specials.**

Sun., April 2 9:00 AM–2:00 PM

Tue., April 4 6:00–8:00 PM

Visit us at Hillel for CUJF's Passover Fair

Wed., April 5 4:00–6:00 PM

Thur., April 6 10:00 AM–1:00 PM

Sun., April 9 9:00 AM–1:00 PM

Interested in volunteering?

*Email Jessica Kopolow at
jessicakopolow@yahoo.com*

Upcoming B'nai Mitzvah

Rachael Finke, May 27th

REGULAR HOURS OF OPERATION

Sundays 9:00 AM–1:00 PM

(during Religious School)

Wednesdays 4:00 PM–6:00 PM

(during Hebrew School)

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APPOINTMENT. Email:

nataliefr@comcast.net or call Natalie

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Olson (384-4335). Cash or checks are

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Exhibit "Through Their Eye"

***Will be displayed at Sinai Temple in the Davis Chapel
on Sunday, April 23rd through Wednesday April 26th.***

Students from several area schools: Franklin Middle School, International
Prep Academy, Barkstall Elementary and Next Generation will display their
various artwork on the Holocaust.

Memorials

Friday, April 7

Helen Gold Beller (10 Apr)
 Dr Samuel Bojar (17 Nis)
 Edward Epstein (16 Nis)
 Benjamin Grossman (12 Apr)
 Emanuel Heller (14 Nis)
 Wilhelmine Heumann (14 Apr)
 Donald Imlay (10 Apr)
 Edward R. Kerman (12 Apr)

Lena Loeb Kuhn (8 Apr)
 Aaron Kurland (8 Apr)
 Helaine Stone Lane (9 Apr)
 Leonard D. Lewis (10 Apr)
 Ruth Marshak (12 Apr)
 Patricia McGinty (11 Apr)
 Jack Robinson (14 Nis)
 Myer Joseph Rosenfield (13 Nis)

Alex Rubin (14 Apr)
 Selig Schwartz (9 Apr)
 Gladys Singman (11 Apr)
 Abraham Sitron (12 Apr)

Friday, April 14

Joel Lee Agran (21 Apr)
 Evelyn Nelson Bros (21 Apr)
 Henia Shifreh Bursztyn (19 Nis)
 Hannah Choldin (21 Apr)
 Louis Cutler (19 Apr)
 Michael Faiman (24 Nis)
 Fay Ferrer (24 Nis)
 Gertrude H. Francisco (19 Nis)

Faye Garrick (24 Nis)
 Sadie Goldstein (17 Apr)
 Fred Gottheil (19 Apr)
 Alvin Hamburg (19 Apr)
 Sidney Kadish (20 Apr)
 Miriam B. Kaplan (16 Apr)
 Clara Koslofsky (16 Apr)
 Gary Lyon (16 Apr)

Rose Maus (18 Apr)
 Amelia A. Reineberg (16 Apr)
 Lee W. Reineberg (16 Apr)
 Natalie M. Smith (21 Apr)
 Gertrude Katz Tax (21 Apr)
 Beatrice R. Tepper (21 Apr)
 Rose Weissman (19 Apr)

Friday, April 21

Leon M. Ades (25 Apr)
 Molly Belber (26 Apr)
 Frank A. Berg (27 Apr)
 Wahei Fujimoto (29 Nis)
 Lillian Gingold (22 Apr)
 Daniel Leon Harlib (29 Nis)
 Alfred Kohn (28 Apr)
 Lewis Lasker (26 Apr)
 Florine Lesht (28 Nis)

Dorothy Evelyn Pollard Liebovich (22 Apr)
 Mathilde Loeb (24 Apr)
 Mary Ann Nathan (29 Nis)
 Kenneth H. Ober (26 Apr)
 Ida Reider (30 Nis)
 Joyce Snyder (23 Apr)

Friday, April 28

Samuel Adleman (30 Apr)
 Laura Moore Avner (4 May)
 Henrietta N. Bloomfield (5 Iya)
 Edward Israel Blum (29 Apr)
 Leah Cohen Bojar (7 Iya)
 Isidore Brill (29 Apr)
 Misha Bursztyn (4 Iya)
 Bertha Craven (5 May)
 Beverly J. Cronin (4 May)
 Bertha Rabinowitz Diness (30 Apr)
 Della Faiman (9 Iya)

Herbert E. Francisco (8 Iya)
 Abraham Gerald Ginsberg (5 May)
 Sarah Gofseyeff Heller (6 Iya)
 Philip Horwitz (3 May)
 Raisa Ionina (1 May)
 Blair Bernard Kling (2 May)
 Celia Berman Kulwin (30 Apr)
 Ethel Uritz Marcus (29 Apr)
 Ida Levine Markoff (30 Apr)
 Edith Pincus (4 May)
 Norman Stanley Rosenzweg (4 May)

Naomi M. Siegel (4 May)
 Helen Kranson Siess (1 May)
 Marvin Silver (4 May)
 Seymour Sudman (2 May)
 Pauline Evenson Tager (5 May)
 Manie Tepper (5 May)
 David Uzzrad (5 Iya)
 Rose Weissler (4 Iya)
 Theodore H. Zimmerman (1 May)

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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