

Join us for our

Our Annual Ice Cream Social



Sunday, May 21st

7:00 pm

Followed by our

ANNUAL MEETING

at 7:30 pm

Meeting topics will include the election of new board members and approving the 2017-2018 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.



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.

Schedule of Services

FRIDAY, MAY 5

5:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service
 "First Friday Feast and Scholar-in-Residence"

SATURDAY, MAY 6

10:00 AM Egalitarian Traditional
 Minyan,
 "Scholar-in-Residence"

FRIDAY, MAY 12

7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service

FRIDAY, MAY 19

5:30 PM Shabbat Rocks! / Next Dor
 7:30 PM Camp Send-Off Shabbat

SATURDAY, MAY 20

10:00 AM Egalitarian Traditional
 Minyan

FRIDAY, MAY 26

7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service

SATURDAY, MAY 27

10:00 AM Rachael Finke Bat Mitzvah



Sunday, May 14th

OFFICE CLOSED:

Monday, May 29th
Memorial Day

Wednesday, May 31st
Shavuot

Thursday, June 1st
Shavuot

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

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Here's a piece of trivia for you: fifty years ago this month, a show opened on Broadway in the Brooks Atkinson theater called *Sing, Israel, Sing!* The original production was in Yiddish and ran for fourteen performances. An English translation was then created, which ran in June for an additional eight performances. As the clouds of war gathered in Israel, and the Six Day War was about to unfold, theater-goers were

enjoying songs and vignettes of Yiddish and Israeli culture.

The show appears not to have been very successful either in Yiddish or in English, but the fact that it was mounted in the first place is noteworthy. It was, in fact, the third Yiddish production that season to play mainstream theaters. I think that this revue was produced for many of the same reasons that we held our Interfaith Passover Seder, and for many of the same reasons why I feel it is so important to engage in interfaith dialogue: only by reaching out to others to provide avenues of understanding can we ever hope to achieve peace and brotherhood. If our non-Jewish neighbors never encounter Jewish worship, Jewish culture, or Jewish ideals, they will never be able to appreciate who we are, what brings us joy, and what causes us pain.

We were thrilled to be able to open our doors on Friday, April 7, to members of First Mennonite Church and the Central Illinois

Mosque and Islamic Center (CIMIC). A handful of people from other faith communities also joined us in a packed house of nearly 180 guests. Pastor Michael Crosby of First Mennonite and Imam Ousmane Sawadogo of CIMIC joined me in leading the liturgy for our pre-Pesach "Freedom Seder." We drew on our Jewish traditions for Passover (and since it was also Friday night, we included some Shabbat liturgy), but framed the narrative of freedom and justice as a universal story that has impacted many people throughout history.

In the movie "Moana," the title character feels drawn to the water even though her father has forbidden her from venturing beyond her island home. In classic rabbinic *midrash*, we read of Nachshon, the first Israelite brave enough to wade into the water at the Sea of Reeds. The rabbis say it was not Moses' actions that parted the water, but rather Nachshon's courage. So, we may ask ourselves: what will it take for us to act like Moana or like Nachshon, to avoid stopping at the edge of the water and to wade into positive interactions with others—even if they are different from us? What will impel us to move out of the comfort zone on dry land and "take the plunge" of loving engagement and dialogue?

Now that Passover has drawn to an end, we prepare for Shavuot, celebrating the giving of the Torah at Mt. Sinai. We will celebrate Confirmation with a wonderful group of students on Erev Shavuot, Tuesday, May 30. We will also have second day Shavuot services, including Yizkor memorial prayers, on Thursday, June 1. I look forward to seeing you!

L'Shalom,

Rabbi Alan Cook

Our June First Friday Feast will be a BBQ! Come and enjoy



burgers, hot dogs and other accompaniments with all of your Sinai Temple friends as we welcome summer. Meat and vegetarian options will be provided. Our BBQ will take place rain or shine; weather permitting, we will also have our service outside. You are encouraged to bring

picnic blankets and outdoor toys. Please RSVP at: <https://sinaicu.wufoo.com/forms/m1iiz31e0t0cf9/>, so we know how much food to prepare.

DO YOU HAVE A CHILD in your household who is attending camp as a camper or working as a staff member? We'd like to send a care package!

Please complete this form:

<https://sinaicu.wufoo.com/forms/mthc2d90i6kfh8/> by June 5 so that we may send out some goodies.

If you'd like to contribute toward the cost of these packages, please contact Rabbi Alan.



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



In thinking about this past month, I am remembering many wonderful events within our community that only happen at this time of year. I want to thank all of the volunteers with the Gift Shop that provided us with the wonderful Passover showcase. I know that many, hours were put in setting it up, staffing it, and putting it all away. Additionally, there was a wonderful CUJF Passover Fair; which I heard nothing but great comments and feedback for next year. Hopefully, you can join me next year in learning how to make our own matzah and sampling a selection of Passover wines.

While there were many other wonderful events, including the Second Night Community Seder sponsored by Sinai Temple and Illini Hillel, the event that stood out the most to me was the special interfaith "Freedom Seder" as part of the First Friday Feast. Sinai Temple was host to this first time event that brought together members of Sinai Temple, Central Illinois Mosque and Islamic Center, and the First Mennonite Church for a special Seder and meal that told the story of Passover by reflecting on humanity's ongoing struggle to attain peace and freedom for all people with a special interfaith haggadah. I can't begin to thank enough all of the volunteers who helped make this event such a wonderful success. As Rabbi Alan mentioned at the event, through these types of events we can create friendships, alliances, peace and a better understanding of other Champaign – Urbana communities. With over 180 people in attendance and support from CUJEF, we were able to bring these three groups together for an evening of learning, eating and conversation. I truly hope that we can find ways to continue to grow these types of events.

I also want to thank members of the nominating committee who worked hard to select the members of the board for the next three-year term and two board officers. I also thank those who have agreed to step up and help lead this wonderful and special community.

Lastly, I want to remind everyone to come out to the Sinai Temple Annual Meeting and Social on Sunday, May 21st. You can find more information about the event elsewhere in the bulletin. While there is some serious business that happens, we also enjoy ice cream and show support to all of our board members for their continued support of our community.

Gary Bernstein

SINAI TEMPLE APRIL 2017 BOARD MEETING

- ☆ The Board approved the motion from the Building Committee to begin suggested upgrades from the meeting with Champaign police.
- ☆ The Nominating Committee presented their recommendations for a slate of officers and three board members whose terms are expiring.
Vice President: Jake Sosnoff
Financial Secretary: Bart Greenberger
Trustees: Lilyan Levant, Ben LeRoy, and Louis Liebovich.
- ☆ There was a motion that we approve the proposed purchases of books, shelving, and chairs for the library for \$3340, to be paid from the Library Obligated Fund, the Ginsburg Fund, and another donation. All in Favor.
- ☆ There was a motion to accept the budget as submitted, pending any changes necessitated by the closed session.

ONEG VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We have several dates available listed below for anyone interested in serving as an Oneg Host(ess) for our Temple Services.

June 23	Erev Shabbat Service	September 8	Erev Shabbat Service (Birthday Oneg)
July 14	Erev Shabbat Service (Birthday Oneg)	September 15	Erev Shabbat Service
July 21	Erev Shabbat Service	September 22	Erev Shabbat Service
August 11	Erev Shabbat Service (Birthday Oneg)	September 29	Erev Shabbat Service
August 25	Erev Shabbat Service		

To sign up, please email Lisa Sherrin Margolin at Lisa.Sherrin@gmail.com.

Join us for
Shabbat.





Thank You!

It is hard to believe that the 2016-2017 (5776-5777) Religious School year is coming to an end. We have had a tremendous year and many people deserve to be praised for their involvement.

TEACHERS AND TUTORS: Thank you for making a commitment to teach our youth. Your own Jewish experiences definitely have an impact on helping the next generation develop a Jewish identity and pride in their heritage.

MADRICHIM: It is amazing that so many young adults in our congregation remain involved in the Religious School. Thank you for making this a priority and for maintaining a connection with Sinai Temple.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COMMITTEE: Thank you to a wonderful group of adults in the Sinai Temple community who meet regularly to ensure that the Religious School runs smoothly. Your ideas and willingness to volunteer your time are so important for the school.

PARENTS: A huge thank you for bringing your children each week. Thank you for encouraging them to learn and for asking them to share their experiences with you. Thank you for supporting the school and the teachers.

STUDENTS: You probably don't (always) realize it, but the time you spend at Sinai Temple is something that you will keep with you forever. The CU Jewish community is small but strong. Understanding your past and ensuring that you will always be proud of being Jewish is not a small goal—but with your cooperation and desire to live Jewishly, the task is attainable.

CHUGGIM VOLUNTEERS: We had such an amazing series of chuggim (electives) this year. The kids in our intermediate and Hebrew High programs learned about paper cutting, Jewish magic and mysticism, Jews and tattoos, baking, cooking, mah jongg, death and burial, Holocaust, Jews in the new and more. We are so fortunate to have community members who will volunteer just a small bit of time to teach our kids about a specific topic. Your expertise enriched the experiences of our students.

BEN and JESS: CUTY is amazing—thank you for revitalizing our youth group!

MY FAMILY: You know how much I love all things Jewish. And I know that most weekends, when many people get to relax, celebrate Shabbat and do family things, I am working (or working/observing). A big thank you to Gabe, Orli, Eden and Rabbi Alan who tag along, make temple coffee, clean up Sinai Café, schlep classroom supplies, make copies, and turn off lights, so that I can do what I love AND we can have family time!



Religious School: May 7 (LAST DAY)

Hebrew School: May 3, 7

OTHER EVENTS:

May 21—CU JEWS at the SCOVILL ZOO

KIDdush Club event with CUJF. Head to the Scovill Zoo (in Decatur) for a scavenger hunt, train ride, petting zoo and fun. Bring a picnic lunch (or purchase food at the zoo). We will meet at 9:30 AM at the front entrance. Please RSVP to Rabbi Jody (educator@sinaitemplecu.org) by May 18.

Cost: \$10/family



June 11, 9:00 AM—L'Dough V'Dough

Intergenerational Baking Extravaganza!

Form a small group (3-5 people) which represents 3 different generations of the CU Jewish community. We will kibbitz, nosh and cook together. All baking supplies and recipes will be provided. If you have a favorite recipe, please **submit it to Rabbi Jody by June 1st** for review. We will make different traditional Jewish recipes as well as recipes that will be good for stocking the Sinai Temple freezer. Small groups will work together to bake.

Cost: \$12/person (children 5 and under are free)

Pre-registration required, space is limited.

Please register by June 5th. Contact Rabbi Jody or Kathy to register. You can pay at the door or in advance. If you need help finding a cooking group, please let Rabbi Jody know.



Announcements



BOOK GROUP

Monday, May 15th at 7:30 PM

The Book Group usually meets the third Monday of the month at 7:30 PM. We will be reading, *The Ship of Brides* by Jojo Moyes. Host and Facilitator: Sandy Hynds, 609 S. James, C. (352-8218). 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, May 4th 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.



Mazal tov to **Dana Rabin**, who received the Dean's Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching!

Birthday & Anniversary Blessings

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

Friday, May 12th 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!

Rachael Finke Bat Mitzvah

Rachael recently moved from Champaign to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where she is currently in seventh grade at Quaker Valley Middle School. She plays violin and piano, studies ballet, and is active in the Torah School program at Temple Emanuel in Mt. Lebanon, Pennsylvania.



For her mitzvah project, Rachael is working with her violin teacher, Liza Barley, to increase awareness and raise funds for the Umoja Arts Project Community Arts Trust: <http://www.umoja-arts.com/community-arts-trust/>. It's a music school and community arts program in Arusha, Tanzania, founded by Liza and her colleague David Seng'enge. Rachael is working with Liza on outreach to potential donors for the program here in the US, and she and her string quartet (middle and high school aged girls studying with Liza) are going to do a series of concerts in Fall, 2017 to raise money to fund a scholarship there.

Sinai Temple Fundraiser



Dine at Monical's Pizza,

205 N. Mattis, Champaign

(fundraiser only good at this location)

Tuesday, May 2nd

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

To participate you will need to present a flyer when you order which you can pick up from the name tag table

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memory of Tanya Estrin
Gayle & Ira Kopin, in memory of Bebbe
Mandel
Richard & Shirley Newman, in
appreciation for the Purim Basket
and in memory of Charles Miller
Myron & Sonya Sholem, in memory of
Leon Ades

INTERFAITH SEDER

Sue Biddle, in appreciation of the
Interfaith Seder

Natalie Frankenberg, in honor of Rabbi
Alan, Diane Ore and all the wonderful
cooks and helpers who made the
Interfaith Seder such a memorable
event

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Rachel Rasmussen & Robert Hudson

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Wynne Korr
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MUSIC FUND

Richard & Judith Kaplan, in memory of
Gary Fromm

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Paula Kaufman, in appreciation of Rabbi
Alan's organizing and leading the
Freedom Seder

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Upcoming B'nai Mitzvah

Rachael Finke, May 27th

Issac Sosnoff, June 17th

Teddy Sammons, June 24th

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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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.*

HOLOCAUST MUSEUM DISPLAY



The Sinai Temple Museum proudly
presents this year's Holocaust display in
the Levin Lounge. It is 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 runs until
the end of June.



Memorials



Friday, May 5

William Adelston (9 May)
Samuel Agran (12 May)
Doris Denburg (11 May)
Edward Dessen (8 May)
Sonia Doppelt (9 May)
Carolyn Kuhn Feffer (7 May)
Agha-Jan Gahvari (13 Iya)
Donald M. Ginsberg (7 May)
Becky Glaser (11 May)
Morton S. Glaser (8 May)

Abraham Goldberg (6 May)
William Arthur Graff (6 May)
Ginger Aplon Kuper (13 Iya)
Ernest W. Lane (12 May)
Harry David Levenson (12 May)
Samuel Lenik (15 Iya)
Sara Lewis (8 May)
Simon Litman (7 May)
Mariane Tager Melnikoff (8 May)
Pearl Miller (10 May)

Jacob Royce Nathan (13 Iya)
Beverly Newman (11 May)
Sarah Braudes Olefsky (7 May)
William Edward Perkel (12 May)
Sidney P. Radeloff (12 May)
Lee E. Roland (10 May)
Minnie Sosnoff (8 May)
Lillian G. Stauffer (11 May)
Amelia Alpiner Stern (12 May)
Herman Edward Waisvisz (9 May)

Friday, May 12

Ruth B. Barker (17 May)
Barbara Ann Berg (17 May)
Henry Jacob Blum (16 May)
Morris Garfinkel (17 May)
Alice Grossman (17 May)
Mildred Hirshenson (18 May)
James Rudolph Jones (18 May)
Armin H. Koller (17 May)
Peter Korogodsky (15 May)

Adele Lipson (15 May)
Jack Rothenberg (18 May)
Sarah Savran (23 Iya)
Sophie Weinberg (22 Iya)

Friday, May 19

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)
Jack Goodfriend (24 May)
Frank Helman (29 Iya)
Ethel Herman (29 Iya)

Lila Ziven Katz (22 May)
Rachel Lewis (26 May)
Samuel Meyerson (1 Siv)
George Miller (21 May)
Ethel Lydia Olson (26 May)
Bernard Regardie Perry (26 Iya)
Rose Lillian Lipman Rigberg (24 May)
Harold Morris Schomer (26 Iya)
Lillian Sherman (26 May)

Flora Sholem (22 May)
Moses Guy Soskin (25 May)
Blanche Berland Sudman (24 May)
David Jacob Waisvisz (21 May)
Marjorie Katz Weiser (1 Siv)
Morris Zimmerman (21 May)

Friday, May 26

Zelda Trenner Derber (30 May)
Bessie S. Greenspon (29 May)
Halvor Groven (30 May)
Pearle Gruenstein (27 May)
Edwin Harlib (5 Siv)
Shirley Muriel Kalmanson (6 Siv)
Lucille Koenigsberg (30 May)
Katherine Schlesinger Koller (1 Jun)
Stephen Kotok (2 Jun)

Gertrude S. Kushner (1 Jun)
Hortense (Moritz) Mischakoff (2 Jun)
Ruby Carol Ginsberg Miskie (2 Jun)
Esther S. Mittleman (1 Jun)
Nancy Oyler (29 May)
Martin Pierce (29 May)
Maxine Pombert (28 May)
Marion Sherman (2 Jun)
Marie Simon Simonson (29 May)

Emilio Weiss (30 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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