

# AUGUST Bulletin Insert 2017



## Announcements



### BOOK GROUP

**Monday, August 21st at 7:30 PM**

The Book Group usually meets the third Monday of the month at 7:30 PM. We will be reading, *The Last Painting of Sara De Vos* by Dominic Smith. Host and Facilitator: Carol Belber, 2105 S. Mills, U. (384-3030). 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](mailto:robinfans1@gmail.com) or by phone at 217-367-8053.**



### VIMs

**Thursday, August 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 Astrid Berkson at [astridjb@comcast.net](mailto:astridjb@comcast.net).

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

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### Pet Blessing

The rabbis taught that there are four New Years to be celebrated by Jewish people. The first of Nisan is the New Year for kings, by which the years of a ruler's reign are to be counted. The fifteenth of Shevat is the New Year for trees, which we celebrate to this day as Tu B'Shevat. The first of Tishri is our religious New Year, which we celebrate as Rosh Hashanah. The first of Elul is designated as the New Year for animals.

As we return from summer vacations to the start of a new year of work and school, we begin to prepare for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. In doing so, we think of the animals we love who enrich our lives. On **Monday, August 21st from 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM**, you are invited to bring your pets to Temple to receive a special blessing from Rabbi Alan in honor of the start of the month of Elul. No appointment is necessary.



### *Birthday & Anniversary Blessings*

If you celebrate a birthday or anniversary in August, please join us at our services on **Friday, August 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!

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### Sinai Temple Gift Shop

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

Does your family have an upcoming simcha? If so, people will want to buy you gifts! Don't leave them guessing, stop by the Sinai Temple Gift Shop to create a registry!

Get exactly what you want for your B'nai Mitzvah, weddings, babies, birthdays or any other occasion to celebrate.

### Upcoming B'nai Mitzvah

*Julia Cronin, Saturday, August 5th*

*Grace Adelston, Saturday, September 2nd*

### REGULAR HOURS OF OPERATION

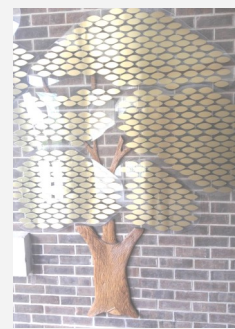
Sundays 9:00 AM–1:00 PM  
*(during Religious School)*

Wednesdays 4:00 PM–6:00 PM  
*(during Hebrew School)*

**We are ALWAYS open by APPOINTMENT.**

Email: 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.



### TREE OF LIFE LEAF

Our synagogue is proud to possess the EitzChaim, 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'nai 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.

### First Friday Feast in September

First Friday Feasts resume Friday, September 1st! Join us for a special **early service at 5:30 PM**, followed by a delicious Shabbat dinner. RSVP at <https://sinaicu.wufoo.com/forms/m1m4xp1w11f7xtc/>

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

