

Schedule of Services

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

5:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service, followed by dinner

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

10:00 AM Grace Adelston Bat Mitzvah

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

10:00 AM Egalitarian Traditional Minyan

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

5:30 PM Shabbat Rocks! / Next Dor

7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

7:30 PM Selichot Program & Service
(movie: Groundhog day)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

3:30 PM Mt. Hope Cemetery Visit & Memorial Service

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

7:30 PM Erev Rosh Hashanah Service

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

9:00 AM 1st Day Rosh Hashanah-Egalitarian
Traditional Minyan Service

10:00 AM Reform Service

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

9:00 AM 2nd Day Rosh Hashanah-Egalitarian
Traditional Minyan Service

7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

6:00 PM Egalitarian Traditional Minyan Kol Nidre

7:30 PM Erev Yom Kippur (Kol Nidre) Reform Service

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

9:00 AM Egalitarian Traditional Minyan
Service w/Yizkor

10:00 AM Reform Morning Service

High Holy Days detailed in Schedule.



Please join us as we spend time together making our building and its grounds look more beautiful than ever. All ages and abilities are welcome to join. We will have indoor tasks such as vacuuming, dusting, polishing silver and going through pamphlets. We will also have minor physical outdoor tasks such as pruning bushes and trees, planting flowers, etc. (nothing too labor intense). We will have team leaders to work with groups to do certain tasks. Come for the camaraderie and the nosh!

If you intend to work outdoors, please bring gloves and other items for yourself or others' use such as rakes, trimmers, etc. If you have any questions or would like to be a leader, please contact Art Siegel at amsiegel@illinois.edu. Thank you.



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**Look for the full High Holiday Schedule and
Roll of Remembrance form coming in the mail soon.**

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Mishkan Tefillah, our Reform prayerbook, offers this meditation (originally by Rabbi Robert Kahn; adapted by Rabbi Chaim Stern) as a possible introduction to Shabbat worship:

Each of us enters this sanctuary
with a different need.

Some hearts are full of peace and
gratitude,
Overflowing with love and joy.
They are eager to confront the day,
to make the world a better place.
They are recovering from illness, or
have escaped misfortune.
We rejoice with them.

Some hearts ache with sorrow;
Disappointments weigh heavily on
them.
Families have been broken; loved
ones lie on a bed of pain;
Death has taken a cherished loved
one.
May our presence and caring bring
them comfort.

Some hearts are embittered;
Ideals are betrayed and mocked,
answers sought in vain,
Life has lost its meaning and value.
May the knowledge that we, too,
are searching
Restore our hope, and renew our
faith.

I know that Sinai Temple friends and congregants have several different touchpoints by which you connect to this community. Some seek spiritual fulfillment; others look to us for Jewish education for themselves and their children. Some appreciate our social programming and family activities; some seek opportunities to engage in *tikkun olam*, acts of social justice. Some worship with us frequently; some find meaning in attending High Holiday worship.

Whatever your connection to Sinai Temple, however frequently or infrequently you may find yourself in the building, the staff and leadership of Sinai Temple continue to strive to make Sinai a place that meets a multitude of needs. Our diversity of beliefs and practices enrich and strengthen us as a *kehillah kedosha*, a holy congregation.

I've been thinking a bit about this diversity, particularly as it applies to our individual approaches to theology and spirituality. Just as each of us expresses our Judaism in a different manner, each of us also approaches God in a different manner. For some, it's easy to think of God as a nurturing parent. Others see God as a powerful ruler. Some have no relationship with God at all.

As we approach the High Holidays, our liturgy famously invokes God as *Avinu Malkeinu* (our Parent, our Ruler). It asks us to imagine that during these Days of Awe we are each called to stand in judgment before the Divine throne. But maybe these are not the ideas of God that resonate with you. Maybe you have an approach to your personal theology that varies from the classical rabbinic notions espoused in our liturgy.

A few years ago, Rabbi Mark Dov Shapiro created a "God Survey" for his congregation in an effort to explore the prevailing attitudes that his congregants held regarding God. I've adapted Rabbi Shapiro's questions and added a few of my own. I invite you to take a few minutes to respond to the survey (questions can be answered anonymously); I'll share some of the results in a Yom Kippur sermon.

You can find the survey at <http://tinyurl.com/ST5778>. Responses are appreciated by September 8.

I wish you and all your loved ones a sweet and healthy New Year.

L'Shalom,

Rabbi Alan Cook

**Mazel
TOV**

Mazel Tov to **Ira and Lynn Wachtel** for completing their cross country ride to raise money for MDA/ALS in honor of Ray Spooner. Below is the News-Gazette article link about their trip.
<http://www.news-gazette.com/blogs/starting-line/2017-08/weathering-challenges.html>

Mazel Tov to **Richard Kaplan**, who will be invested as the Guy Raymond Jones Chair of Law on September 6th.

SINAI TEMPLE AUGUST 2017 BOARD MEETING

- ☆ The Board voted to do some maintenance in the kitchen; cleaning and replacing the grease traps, replacing some of the pilot lights on the stove, and repairing some plumbing in the classrooms.
- ☆ Labor of Love is September 4th, from 9 AM–12 PM. This is a great opportunity to help get the building ready for the High Holidays.
- ☆ Three dying Ash trees were removed.

From Social Action

We will be collecting non-perishable food items once again for the **Eastern Illinois Food Bank**. Please pick up your bag after Rosh Hashanah services on **Thursday, September 23rd**, if you would like to make a monetary donation there will be envelopes available also. Please return all donations on **Saturday, September 30th**.

Thank You!

We collected 25 units of blood at our drive. Thank you to all who participated. If you still wish to donate you can go to the blood bank this week and tell them you are donating for Sinai Temple before you sit in the chair and they will give us credit for that unit.

The Office will be **CLOSED** on
Monday, September 4th



Tekiah!

The sound of the shofar announces the coming of the High Holidays, the holiest season of our yearly lives, when we reconnect with our faith, our fellow Jews and our fellow humans. It is a time of introspection, of questioning our conduct and our values, of recognizing and cleansing our sins, of realigning our lives with G-d and Torah. What a precious gift it is to all of us!

I hope you will have the opportunity to join the rest of the Temple community in experiencing these Days of Awe. The schedule of services is contained in this newsletter and a separate mailing. A variety of services for people of all ages is planned. Babysitting will also be available. In preparation for the holidays, we'll be doing our annual clean-up on Labor Day, September 4, the "Labor of Love." This is a chance to do some much-needed freshening of the Temple interior as well as some gardening outside. The work begins at 9 am, and food and hydration will be provided. Hope to see you there!

There are also opportunities to help with the set-up and other preparation for the various holiday services, and we welcome your help. We'll set up chairs for Rosh Hashanah on Sunday, September 17. For each service, we'll need to put out books before the service and collect them again after the service. The day after Yom Kippur, Sunday, October 1, we'll be setting up the sukkah behind the Temple in preparation for Sukkot. If you're available to help with any of these activities, let Rabbi Alan know.

While we're talking about volunteer opportunities, there are several Temple committees that need people and some that need chairpeople. If you think you'd like to participate, you can contact me.

If you have not yet sent in your pledge materials for FY 2018, please do so at your earliest convenience. We need to know what funds we will have available for this year to do all we've planned. Our Temple building is aging and sometimes needs unexpected repairs, so any extra financial help you can manage will not go to waste! Along with the pledge materials, you received a sign-up form for onegs. Please choose dates when you would be able to help. If you have never done an oneg, please feel free to contact Diane Ore for tips. See you in Temple! L'shanah tovah!

Rob Ore

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

Shortly after my return from two weeks at OSRUI, a colleague shared an article in which the author questioned the importance of religious school. The author's child was spending time at a Jewish summer camp, and she felt that the Jewish connection developed at camp was powerful enough to last until next summer. Certainly, this article was met with much controversy, particularly amongst my friends/colleagues, many of whom work in the field of Jewish education. I think that it is clear that I believe that attending Jewish summer camp is one of the most valuable ways to foster a Jewish identity. Whether your child attends OSRUI, Tavor, Ben Fankel, Beber, Chi or any of the other Jewish summer camps, it is likely that he/she/they will come home transformed in some way, will go through an adjustment period or "re-entry", and will start counting down the days until opening day of next summer. That being said, Jewish summer camp is not a substitute for religious school, holiday observances and year long Jewish involvement. Jewish summer camp is one piece of the puzzle, one experience parents can provide their children, one leg of the foundation.

As we enter a new school year, and a new Jewish year, take some time to think about what you want your children to learn and why being Jewish is important. I understand that families are asked to rearrange schedules to make sure children are at Sinai Temple 1-2 times each week. I understand that there are youth group events for kids from birth-18 already on the Religious School calendar, asking you for even more of your time. I understand that Shabbat is a holiday that happens each week. Being Jewish is a big responsibility. Being part of this amazing religion takes time and involves work. Your involvement, encouragement and effort is recognized. Perhaps you can't measure the success right now, but I am confident that your children will carry our traditions forward and will have an appreciation for their heritage if Judaism is part of their everyday experiences.

I am looking forward to a wonderful year of learning, engagement, community, values and fun . . . and hope that you are too!



- 9/4 Labor of Love—please help get classrooms ready for school!
- 9/15 Shabbat Rocks!/Next Dor
- 9/17 **FIRST DAY OF HEBREW/RELIGIOUS SCHOOL**
Opening Day Assembly 12:00-12:30, parents are encouraged to attend
- 9/20-22 Rosh Hashanah (see separate mailing from Sinai Temple)
- 9/24 Hebrew and Religious School
- 9/27 Hebrew School
- 9/29-30 Yom Kippur
- 10/1 Pop Up Playdate (no Religious or Hebrew School)
- 10/6 Shabbat ShaSukkah ShaSleepover
Informal FAMILY event—all are welcome to sleep at in the Sukkah/on the back lawn or inside the Davis Chapel

Calling All Kids Who Like to Build

KIDdush Club is having a
SUKKAH building Pop Up Playdate!
Supplies will be provided and kids (and adults)
are free to build and create anything they imagine!

Sunday, October 1st
10:00–12:00 @ Sinai Temple



**** NO Hebrew/Religious School on this day**

Shabbat ShaSukkah ShaSleepover

Just a night of friends and family
come and sleep in the sukkah,
on the lawn or in the Davis Chapel.
Bring all of your own gear,
no tents or sleeping bags provided!
We will provide snacks and activities.

More information will be provided soon!

Announcements

Grace Adelston Bat Mitzvah

Saturday, September 2



Grace Adelston will be called to the Torah on Sept. 2, 2017. Grace is entering 8th grade at Jefferson Middle School, where she plays clarinet in band, and has performed as a chorus member in school musicals. She also plays piano and ukelele. At home, she enjoys playing computer games and cuddling her cat, Bitty.

For her Bat Mitzvah project, Grace is raising money for the Champaign County Down Syndrome Network; she is selling "warm fuzzies," and on Saturday, October 7th, she will walk in the Buddy Walk at the Champaign County Fairgrounds in Urbana, as she did last year. Grace wants to stop bullying, and to support people with special needs. If you'd like to donate to the Champaign County Down Syndrome Network, you can visit Grace's personal web page and go to the link below to make a donation.
<http://champaigndsnbuddywalk2017.kintera.org/faf/r.asp?t=4&i=1175713&u=1175713-450065767&e=9299262285>.

If you would like to walk with Grace and her family, we can send you information on how to register.



BOOK GROUP

No Book Group for September

The Book Group usually meets the third Monday of the month at 7:30 PM. Since Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur are in September around the time we usually meet, we will not meet in September.



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



VIMs

Thursday, September 7th 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.

Mazel Tov
on your
Bat Mitzvah



MEAL PUNCH CARDS

You can now pay for multiple Shabbat Rocks! and Friday Night Feasts in advance by purchasing a Meal Punch Card. You can purchase one meal or as many as you want, even for the whole year.

You can purchase them through the Religious School or Temple office. The cost is \$5 per meal punch.

Birthday & Anniversary Blessings

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

Friday, September 8th 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!

Fall begins September 22nd



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Memorials

Friday, September 1

Harold Black (15 Elu)	Jennie Z. Mashkes (4 Sep)
Beatrice Cossman (3 Sep)	Albert E. Rigberg (2 Sep)
Joseph Freudenstein (4 Sep)	Arthur David Savran (14 Elu)
Florence Nagel Howard (2 Sep)	Milton Shapiro (11 Elu)
Jerry Levant (8 Sep)	William Sholem (4 Sep)
Minnie Levin (3 Sep)	Yetta Silver (3 Sep)
Blanche Loeb (8 Sep)	Alpiner L. Stern (3 Sep)
Sadye Zimmerman Marco (4 Sep)	Mildred Topolosky (2 Sep)

Friday, September 8

Carrie Wiener Adler (15 Sep)	Abe Leavitt (14 Sep)	Samuel Slutsky (11 Sep)
Annette Bernstein (9 Sep)	Abraham Levy (11 Sep)	Sarah Spitzer (11 Sep)
Daniel K. Bloomfield (12 Sep)	Albert Abraham Liebovich (10 Sep)	Rachel Towlen (9 Sep)
Jorge Covarrubias (11 Sep)	Rachel Loeb (10 Sep)	
Jerome Ex (12 Sep)	Abaraham Mizrachi (14 Sep)	
Dorothy Ferrer (20 Elu)	Jack H. Nessel (12 Sep)	
Leonard Heumann (13 Sep)	Dorothy Selicovitz Novick (15 Sep)	
William Konick (10 Sep)	Leonard Ross (15 Sep)	

Friday, September 15

Alejandro Victor Medina Abulafia (16 Sep)	Penny Elizabeth Magence-Ginsberg (20 Sep)	Joel Serlin (21 Sep)
Gloria Liss Bortman (18 Sep)	Zelda Hamburg Maus (19 Sep)	Wolf Shklair (26 Elu)
Donald Brieland (2 Tis)	Mordchai Neuman (1 Tis)	Ruth Siegle (25 Elu)
Bertha Freudenstein (19 Sep)	Sara Rachel Neuman (1 Tis)	Anna Ruth Steigmann (18 Sep)
Steven Gingold (18 Sep)	Sol Orden (20 Sep)	
Pauline Gitler (18 Sep)	Cecelia Riaff (1 Tis)	
Max Greenberg (17 Sep)	Rose Rubinstein (19 Sep)	
Dorothy Katz (1 Tis)		

Friday, September 22

Lucille J. Birkett (24 Sep)	Allan Levy (29 Sep)
Florence Braverman (4 Tis)	Elsie Mautner (23 Sep)
Solomon Bernstein Cohen (29 Sep)	Louis Roddis (7 Tis)
Ralph L. Dietchweiler (25 Sep)	Milton Stanley Schneller (28 Sep)
Marion G. Eskow (23 Sep)	Rachel Sitron (24 Sep)
Sol Goldberg (27 Sep)	Esther Solomon (28 Sep)
Beatrice Herman (5 Tis)	Annette Winakor (23 Sep)
Marvin N. Lesht (5 Tis)	

Friday, September 29

Dr Richard Back (5 Oct)	Shirley Zibel Gunther (2 Oct)	Ceil Rubinstein (3 Oct)
Mathilde Back (5 Oct)	Merle Garber Hamburg (6 Oct)	David L. Stone (1 Oct)
Fela Bankier (5 Oct)	Becky S. Kozoll (30 Sep)	Baruch Yairi (10 Tis)
Sali Wintner Blum (3 Oct)	Sandra Lipson (1 Oct)	
Alvin Friedman (13 Tis)	Dorothy Lowenstein (5 Oct)	
Hormozd Gahvari (3 Oct)	Mortimer Merkel (4 Oct)	
Lewis Ginsberg (3 Oct)	Emily Sara Peterman (6 Oct)	
Ann Braun Goldfein (30 Sep)	Norma Rosenberg (5 Oct)	

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 OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON THESE HIGH HOLY DAYS:

ROSH HASHANAH	Thursday, September 21st
ROSH HASHANAH	Friday, September 22nd
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SUKKOT	Friday, October 6th
SHEMINI ATZERET/ SIMCHAT TORAH	Thursday, October 12th



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