





oin us on **Thursday**, **October 5th at 10:00 AM** for the Egalitarian Traditional Minyan Service commemorating the first day of Sukkot. Hallel psalms will be chanted, we'll shake the lulav, and we'll have a great time. A Kiddush luncheon will follow.

A t 5:30 PM on Friday, October 6th, we will gather for a brief service in celebration of Shabbat and Sukkot (please note, this is part of our "First Friday" series; this is our only Shabbat service for the evening). Music will be provided by the Shabbat Singers. Following the service, we'll progress to a delicious dinner in the Sukkah and/or Davis Chapel.

Cost for dinner is \$5/per person (maximum \$20 per family) Please RSVP to <u>http://tinyurl.com/cusukkot17</u>.



Please join the Egalitarian Traditional Minyan for services on Thursday, October 12th at 10:00 AM commemorating Shemini Atzeret. Hallel psalms and Yizkor memorial prayers will be recited. A Kiddush luncheon to follow.

Our Annual Simchat Torah celebration will begin **Thursday** evening on the 12th at 5:30 PM. We'll have dinner featuring Garcia's Pizza in a Pan (Special thanks to Ralph Senn), Simchat Torah service, Hakafot, klezmer music and lots of opportunities to sing and dance with the Torah. Come experience the joy of Torah as you never have before!



Schedule of Services

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5

10:00 AM Egalitarian Traditional Minyan Service

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6

5:30 PM Erev Sukkot Service, Dinner & Celebration

### **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12**

10:00 AM Egalitarian Traditional Minyan Shemini Atzeret Service w/Yizkor

5:30 PM Sinchat Torah Dinner, Celebration & Consecration

### FIRDAY, OCTOBER 13

7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20

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

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21** 10:00 AM Egalitarian Traditional Minyan

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27** 7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service

# THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON THESE HOLIDAYS:

SUKKOT	Thursday, October 5th
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SHEMINI ATZERET/	Thursday, October 12th
SIMCHAT TORAH	

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# From the Rabbi's Desk



I write these words a few days prior to the start of the High Holidays and the beginning of 5778. By the time this issue arrives on your mailboxes, Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur will each have passed.

It happens that as I am writing, the spacecraft Cassini is making its final descent through the rings of Saturn to its certain destruction. The heat and pressure of Saturn's atmosphere guaranteed that by about 3 PM on September 14, Cassini would be no longer. Though this was planned within the design of Cassini's twenty-year mission, there is still an element of sadness in this chain of events. The images that Cassini has transmitted during the recent portions of its mission—particularly the pictures snapped as it passed by Saturn's moons and dove into the icy rings surrounding the planet—have been stunningly beautiful and have given us important new information about this corner of our solar system. Among other things, Cassini's close-up views of the moons Enceladus and Titan have shown them to be potential locations for finding life forms outside of Earth's atmosphere.

We may be able to find a metaphor in Cassini's demise. Our High Holidays, along with the fall holidays of Sukkot, Shemini Atzeret and Simchat Torah. are moments of great celebration. But they also serve as opportunities for introspection and reflection on our past. During the Yom Kippur Yizkor service, we have the chance to think about those who came before us (Yizkor pravers will also be recited on Thursday morning, October 12 at 10 AM, as the ETM leads us in worship for Shemini Atzeret). We reflect on their legacies, and pray that we are honoring their memories as we continue to build upon the foundation they have established.

In a similar manner, though Cassini has ceased to exist, the data that NASA has collected and the lessons learned from this project will continue to drive discoveries, innovations, and future space explorations. Like our loved ones, Cassini's impact will be felt far beyond the bounds of its lifetime. There is a passage in the Reform prayerbook, Mishkan Tefillah, which is suggested as a reading before the Mourner's Kaddish. It is adapted from a poem by Hannah Senesh.

There are stars above above, So far away we only see their light Long, long after the star itself is gone And so it is with people that we loved—their memories keep shining ever brightly though their time with us is done. But the stars that light up the darkest night,

these are the lights that guide us. As we live our days, these are the ways we remember.

As it is with starlight, so it is with space probe images and with the legacies of our loved ones. We find that they continue to influence our lives long after their physical presence has ended.

May we ever show gratitude for the broadening of our scientific frontiers, and may we always be grateful to our loved ones who have left us invaluable lessons.

L'shalom,

Alan Cook



Mazel Tov to **Melanie Dankowicz**, her *Blessed Metalcut* is featured in the *Home(less) exhibit*, *at the* Hebrew Union College —Jewish Institute of Religion Museum in New York, September 2017 - July 2018.

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**Bulletin Submission:** The deadline for **November Bulletin is October 15th**. All submissions may be edited for length and content. **EMAIL submissions to:** Roxanna Davison assistant@sinaitemplecu.org.

# From Social Action

After the High Holidays, once again Sinai Temple will be creating Thanksgiving food baskets for local families in need. Our goal is to provide 20 baskets this year. We are asking that people bring nonperishable items such as box stuffing, canned yams, canned corn, 5 or 10 lb bags of potatoes. Or you can contribute gift cards/funds for fresh items, such as milk, eggs, turkey, etc.

More information on collection dates and contacts coming soon.

# From the Board

I hope you all had a sweet Rosh Hashanah and a meaningful Yom Kippur! One of the great gifts of our faith is this time of renewal each year, and we at Sinai Temple try to provide our membership with the best experience we can, for ages 2 to 102. If there is anything you can think of that would improve our High Holiday celebration still further, I hope you will not hesitate to let me or another Board member or Rabbis Alan and Jody know, so we can begin working on next year's holidays. After all, this is your community!

Since I am writing this a week before Erev Rosh Hashanah, I don't know for sure how many people attended our services during the holidays this year, but if past years are any indication, my heart swells with pride when I look out over the hope you'll come and celebrate with all gathering of people all there for a common purpose on these most uncommon days. It is a sight that inspires hope for the future of our Temple. I feel very fortunate to be a part of this vibrant community, as I hope you do, too.

I don't know if you have had a chance to view the visual presentation on display outside the sanctuary of possible plans for the renovation of the Temple. This presentation is an artist's conception by our architects, Ratio Design Associates, of some of the changes suggested by congregants last year. You should take a

few moments to see it. They have some very good ideas for how to make our worship and celebration spaces more functional and pleasant, but realize that this is a work in progress. We want to hear feedback from you on what you like and what you don't like. Once we decide what we'd like to see in the new Temple design, the hard work of figuring out how we can make it a reality will begin, but for now, let's do a little dreaming!

We're not quite done celebrating, as you know! October this year has two more holidays, Sukkot and Simchat Torah. When you are reading this letter, we will be in the midst of Sukkot, the celebration of the harvest. This season is especially meaningful for us in the Midwest, even if we aren't directly involved in farming. I of us for the Sukkot dinner and singalong out in our Temple Sukkah, weather permitting. In case of rain, we'll just move the party into the Davis Chapel. Even if you can't come that evening, you should spend a few moments in the peace of the Sukkah, gazing up at the stars through the roof. It is our way of enjoying the "season of mellow fruitfulness."

One of my favorite holidays is Simchat Torah, literally "joy of Torah." This is when we have the ability to get up close and personal with our Torah scrolls, and truly immerse in the heritage of our

### FEATURED FUNDS OF THE MONTH

Wanting to make a contribution to a Temple or Temple owned fund but need more information? Each month we will highlight two funds. One is owned and administered by Sinai Temple and the other is owned by Sinai Temple but managed and dispersed by the Champaign Urbana Jewish Endowment Funds (CUJEF).

### Sinai Temple Fund

Alpiner Stern Flower Fund: This fund supplies flowers for the interior of the Temple. After the weekly services the flowers are taken to Temple members that are homebound, recovering from an illness, in the hospital or just need to know someone cares about them. (Make out the check to Sinai Temple and mail to the Temple)

### **CUJEF Fund**

Julius Cohen Memorial Garden Fund: The Cohen Garden is located outside the Levin Lounge near the Sanctuary. The vision for this garden is to make it a meeting place for small gatherings, cookouts and even onegs if the weather permits. (The check needs to be written to CUJEF and mailed to 503 E John St, Champaign, IL 61820)

people. It means a lot to me that the whole community comes together to celebrate with this precious document. The other thing we do is dance with the Torah. Both of these activities allow us to express our "ahavat Torah," or "love of Torah." If you've never experienced this holiday, come out and join us, because I know you'll enjoy it!

At the close of Sukkot, we will need to take down, organize and store the Sukkah for next year. If you'd like to help with this process of deconstruction, it will take place on Sunday, October 15, rain or shine. See your weekly email blasts for details.

Looking forward, several members of our congregation will be attending the URJ Biennial in Boston from December 6–10. This is a great opportunity to connect with the larger Reform Judaism community in the United States. I went to the Biennial in Orlando two years ago, and it felt like being at camp! If you like ruach and learning, this might be for you! You can contact Rabbi Alan, Jake Sosnoff, Toni Lachman or me if you're interested.

See you in Temple!

### SINAI TEMPLE SEPTEMBER 2017 BOARD MEETING

- ✡ The Board discussed many informational items that brought the board members up to date.
- We talked about reorganizing our bank accounts, reorganizing the kitchen and plans for the High Holidays.
- ☆ We also talked about Labor of Love and all of the wonderful work that was done to spruce up the Temple for the New Year.

### **OCTOBER is BUSY!**

### Hebrew School/Religious School Dates:

Sunday, October 1 Wednesday, October 4 Sunday, October 8 Wednesday, October 11 Sunday, October 15 Wednesday, October 18 Sunday, October 22 Wednesday, October 25 Sunday, October 29



### YOUTH EVENTS:

#### Sunday, Oct. 1—KOOP Adventure Playdate Families are invited to create, play, imagine and build. Come ready for a mess! 10:00–12:00 at Sinai Temple back lawn. Parking available in the main parking lot. FREE KIDdush Club Event!

#### Friday, Oct. 6—First Friday Shabbat & Family Sleepover in the Sukkah (or South Pod).

Parents must stay for the sleepover. Bring board games to play and a snack to share. Light breakfast provided on Saturday morning. Dinner is \$5 per person, sleepover is FREE! Please RSVP for dinner and for the sleepover to Rabbi Jody by 10/4.

### Thursday, Oct. 12—Simchat Torah & Consecration



Garcia's Pizza will be served for dinner at 5:30. Following dinner, we will have a creative Simchat Torah service, Consecration of our newest Religious School Students (Pre-K and up) and then dancing with our community and the Torah scrolls. FREE EVENT

### Wednesday, Oct. 25—Skateland

Immediately after Hebrew School, we will serve a quick dinner and then head over to Skateland. For students in 3-8 grades. You can meet at Skateland (6:30 or at Sinai Temple 5:30) if you don't attend Hebrew School. COST: \$10/participant (includes dinner, skate rental and skating). You are welcome to bring your own skates. RSVP to Rabbi Jody by Monday, October 23.



### THE MAKING OF A MENSCH

What is your definition of MENSCH? This Yiddish word indicates that a person is a person of integrity. Often times, when we talk to our children about doing good deeds, we teach them that they are doing mitzvot. A Mitzvah is more than a good deed—a mitzvah is a commandment. We are certainly doing a good thing by honoring God and fulfilling the commandments, but not all mitzvot are good deeds. Lighting the candles on Shabbat is not a good deed-it is a commandment. Helping a person who is hungry is both a commandment and a good deed.

This year, there is a bulletin board in front of the offices that will be used to track some of the honorable things that our students have done. If your child has done something remarkable to help another person, to take care of the environment or to show respect to people or belongings, please send me a quick email and I will be sure to add a medal to the "Honorable Mensch-ion" board in his/her/their honor.

# WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL...

5778 is Going to be GREAT







### LABOR OF LOVE 2017

Once again, many Temple members came out on Labor Day to clean, dust and vacuum, spread rock (thanks Randy), rake leaves, prune trees and shrubs and plant flowers. In addition, the over 35 volunteers sorted and boxed prayer books, cleaned windows, reorganized storage in the kitchen and more. A special thanks to our gardeners Janie Yairi, Leslie Mason and Richard Cooke for sprucing up the front garden and our tree trimmers Larry Adelston, Jake and Ruth Sosnoff and Gary Bernstein. And an extra special thank you to Bart Greenberger, Leanna Cossman and Jeremy Cossman for cleaning the Neuman Garden pond and getting the fountain working. It has never been so clean!!

This year's volunteers included:

Larry Adelston & Katherine Coyle **Bernstein Family** Cook Family Richard Cooke Leanna & Jeremy Cossman Natalie Frankenberg Jolie Ginsberg Bart Greenberger Mitch Harris **Darin Henigman** Jessica Kopolow Judy Lachman Toni Lachman **Bernice Lieberman** Leslie Mason Diane & Rob Ore Randy Rosenbaum Art Siegel Avigail Snir Jake, Ruth & Malachi Sosnoff Cal Swim Steve Wolf Janie Yairi

Thank you all so much for your volunteerism & community.

### **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.

## BOOK GROUP

### Monday, October 16th, 7:30 pm

The Book Group usually meets the third Monday of the month at 7:30 PM. We will be reading, *Citizens of London: The Americans Who Stood with Britain in Its Darkest, Finest Hour,* by Lynne Olson. Host and Facilitator: Susan Cohen, 3506 S. Vine, U. (384-7871). 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. With the start of 5778 we will begin exploring the entirety of the Tanakh, not just the Torah. Newcomers are welcome to come study with us!

### 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, October 5th 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.

### Birthday & Anniversary Blessings

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

### O<mark>ctober 13th at 7:30 рм</mark>.

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!

### ALPINER STERN FLOWER FUND

Gary & Tonya Bernstein, in memory of Annette Bernstein

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- Bill & Reva Egherman, in memory of Wiley Deckard
- Ann Einhorn, in memory of Wiley Deckard

Joyce Eisenstein, in memory of Wiley Deckard

- Charles & Joan Kozoll, in memory of Wiley Deckard
- Linda & Alan Kurtz, in memory of Wiley Deckard
- John & Bette van Es, in memory of Wiley Deckard

Marty & Kathleen Whittaker, in memory of Wiley Deckard

### GENERAL FUND

- William & Phyllis Gingold, in memory of Steven Gingold
- Mark & Roselyn Horwitz, in honor of Grace Adelston's Bat Mitzvah
- Fay Lesht & Joyce Meyer & Lois Adele Meyer, in memory of Paul Hyman Meyer
- Myron & Sonya Sholem, in memory of William Sholem

### **HIGH HOLY DAYS**

Natalie Frankenberg, in memory of Julian Frankenberg and in memory of Gertrude & Max Kushner

### **KITCHEN/ONEG FUND**

Aaron & Trudy Averbuch Allen Avner John Davis & Terri Gitler Arne Fliflet & Debra Levin Fliflet Diane Gottheil Jennifer Klatsky Lisa Sherrin Margolin Natalya & Nikolai Matatov Martin & Rebekah Noven Rob & Diane Ore Dana Rabin & Craig Koslofsky Gene & Julia Robinson David Scherba & Rebecca Swartz Adena & Bev Wilson Jr.

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Gene & Julia Robinson, in support of the High Holiday Cantor

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Jeannine Deckard, Stacy Deckard, Susan McQuaid, Sheryl Mostley and Stephen Deckard in memory of Wiley & Paula Deckard

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# Memorials

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	Gertrude Bach (12 Oct)	Max R. Klein (12 Oct)	Henry Sapoznik (7 Oct)
	Morris B. Berenbaum (11 Oct)	Max Kushner (8 Oct)	Bernard Sharp (13 Oct)
r 6	Morris Berg (13 Oct)	Isadore Jack Levy (7 Oct)	David Sherman (17 Tis)
be	Behrooz Gahvari (22 Tis)	Rachel Frank Litman (10 Oct)	Abraham Simon (7 Oct)
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	Morris G. Rosenstein ( 3 Nov)		

Adding memorials to your membership record is simple. Just call the Temple office (or email us at <a href="mailto:stoffice@sinaitemplecu.org">stoffice@sinaitemplecu.org</a>) 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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