

## MARCH BULLETIN 2018

### Schedule of Services

#### FRIDAY, MARCH 2

5:30 PM First Friday Erev Shabbat  
Service followed by dinner

#### FRIDAY, MARCH 9

7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service

#### SATURDAY, MARCH 10

10:00 AM Religious School Service

#### FRIDAY, MARCH 16

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

#### SATURDAY, MARCH 17

10:00 AM Egalitarian Traditional Minyan

#### FRIDAY, MARCH 23

7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service

#### FRIDAY, MARCH 30

5:30 PM Erev Shabbat at Hillel (No  
service at Sinai this evening)  
6:30 PM Community Seder at Hillel

#### SATURDAY, MARCH 31

10:00 AM Egalitarian Traditional Minyan  
First Day Passover Service

#### OFFICE HOURS:

Monday – Friday, 9:00 AM–4:00 PM

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1st day of

SPRING

is Tuesday, March 20th

PASSOVER PESACH

### INTERFAITH FREEDOM SEDER

Sunday, March 25 at 6:00 PM

Please plan to join us as we welcome friends from First Mennonite Church and Central Illinois Mosque and Islamic Center to a celebration of freedom. Our special Haggadah for the evening explores the ways in which the theme of freedom permeates our faith tradition. This program is appropriate for all ages, and is an excellent opportunity for bridge-building conversations and enjoyable company.

Space is limited, so you are encouraged to RSVP promptly.  
RSVP at <https://tinyurl.com/cuinterfaithseder>

### COMMUNITY SEDER

at Hillel, March 30, 6:30 PM

We continue our tradition of sharing our community Seder with the entire Jewish community of CU by convening at the Cohen Center for Jewish Life at the University of Illinois Hillel. This year, we will hold our Seder on the **first night** of Passover, Friday evening, March 30.

There will be a Shabbat service held at Hillel at 5:30 PM, at which the Sinai Temple yahrtzeit list will be read. There will be no service at Sinai Temple that evening.

The Seder will begin at 6:30 PM and will feature a delicious Kosher for Passover meal. RSVPs are required for the Seder.

Please RSVP at <https://sinaicu.wufoo.com/forms/se9a7w315xgxf/>

Illini Hillel will also be providing Kosher for Passover meals throughout the holiday. Please visit <https://illinihillel.org> for more information.

Mark your calendars for the *Passover Showcase*

ONE DAY ONLY—Sunday, March 11th,

9:00 AM–2:00 PM

In the LOBBY & LEVIN LOUNGE



## From Rabbi Alan Cook's Desk

"There's a land that I see/ Where the children are free/ And I say it ain't far/ To this land from where we are."

These are the opening lyrics to the title song from the album "Free to Be . . . You and Me." Released in November 1972, by Marlo Thomas in collaboration with the Ms. Foundation for Women, the music (and a subsequent television special) was a familiar part of my childhood. Some parts of the project may seem dated or hokey nowadays; certainly the musical styles and the clothing the performers wear are both very much artifacts of the early 1970s. Yet many of the messages that Thomas and her collaborators were attempting to share continue to resonate today.

The title song is but one example. It posits a simple yet significant message: let's envision a world in which every child can have the freedom to explore his or her interests and skills; where every individual can be celebrated for his or her unique qualities; where no one attempts to pigeonhole a person based on his or her gender, race, or socio-economic background. I don't believe that such a world exists only in the realm of imagination; I think we have the opportunity and responsibility to work to make it a reality. Indeed, to do so is to embrace the Jewish value *v'ahavta l'rei'acha kamocho*—love your neighbor as yourself. Or, as Rabbi Hillel famously put it, "What is hateful to you, do not do to any person."

When you read this, we recently will have concluded our celebration of Purim. We celebrate Esther's ability to discern how her unique position and talents could make a difference in the land of Persia and rescue the Jews from their scheduled annihilation. Now as we prepare to commemorate Passover, celebrating our ancestors' important journey from slavery to freedom, we are called to recognize that only when all are free can we truly be free.

Rabbi Hillel taught, "*Bechol dor vador chayav adam lir'ot et atzmo k'ilu hu yatza mi-Mitzrayim*—In every generation, one must behave as though he or she personally was redeemed from Egypt." Only by immersing ourselves in the Exodus narrative and expressing true appreciation for our freedom can we learn to be empathetic to others' needs for physical, spiritual and emotional freedoms.

Let us continue to strive for the day when "you and me are free to be . . . you and me."

L'Shalom,

Rabbi Alan Cook

### APRIL FIRST FRIDAY FEAST

Our First Friday Shabbat in April will take place on April 6. We begin with a 5:30 PM service, followed by a home-cooked dinner and a chance to visit with all of your Sinai Temple friends. Because April 6 is still Passover for those who celebrate 8 days of the holiday, all food served will be in accordance with Passover customs. Please note, however, that the food will be prepared in a kitchen that has not been specifically prepared for Passover. To join us, please RSVP at <https://sinaicu.wufoo.com/forms/se2ke3y0ofga2v/>

### BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS

If you celebrate a birthday or anniversary in March, please join us at our services on **Friday, March 9th 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!



Mazel Tov to **Gene Robinson** on receiving the 2018 Wolf Prize in Agriculture. for "leading the genomics revolution in the organismal and population biology of the honey bee."

Mazel Tov to **Daniel Heumann**, grandson of Len (z"l) and Roberta Heumann, who recently joined with friends to launch the GenerCool project, which seeks to share stories about transgender young people.



The month of March is when we as a Temple begin the process of planning for the coming year. This involves consideration of two very important items, the budget for the next fiscal year and the composition of the Board for the next term.

The Board and the Finance Committee receive input from all the committees and other groups within the Temple to assess our financial needs for next year. Of course, we would like nothing better than to be able to grant every request for funds, but the other side of the ledger must also be considered. Our income is not unlimited, so we have to be selective in our choice of fundable projects. It is our duty as officers of the Temple to manage the Temple's resources in the best way we can, so sometimes we need to deny or postpone expenses. We appreciate everyone's help and understanding in making this process run smoothly.

As you know, Board members and officers have term limits in our Temple, so each year we convene a committee composed of members of the Board and members of the congregation to find individuals who are willing to take on these responsibilities for the coming year. This is a wonderful opportunity to serve the community and develop skills you may not be aware that you possess. You also get to meet and interact with some great people you might not otherwise encounter. So, if you receive a call from this committee inviting you to join the Board or to serve as an officer of the Temple, please give it careful consideration. You don't think you'd be good at it? You won't know until you try, and we will give you every assistance in learning how!

At the end of March, we begin the celebration of Passover. In the Seder each year, we retell and relive the miracle of Exodus, the classic story of liberation and redemption that has inspired not only our own people but all people of the world.

In many ways, Passover is the most important holiday of the year, because it marks the beginning of our identity as Jews and is the source of our empathy and compassion for those in our world still enduring slavery and injustice. We are reminded many times in the Torah of our responsibility to welcome and care for the strangers among us, because we know better than anyone else what it is to be a stranger in a strange land.

One of my favorite events of the year is the Interfaith Seder, which we'll be celebrating this year on March 25. The Seder last year was so successful and so moving to all who participated that we've decided to make it an annual event. When I attended the URJ Biennial in Boston last December, I was gratified to learn that many other congregations across the country have also created similar celebrations in cooperation with other faith communities. This is a tangible manifestation of the Torah's teaching, and I am proud of our congregation for hosting it. If you came to last year's event, you know how much fun we had. If you didn't, I hope you'll give it a try this year. Be watching for announcements in the weekly email blasts, and get your reservations in early, because space is limited.

Just a word about the recent Trivia Night fundraiser. Wow! My thanks and praise go out to the organizers and to all of you who contributed your time, money, baked goods and enthusiasm! Not only did we raise money for the Temple, but I think you'll agree that we also raised our level of community spirit to a new high! We'll definitely consider making this an annual event as well!

See you in Temple!



### 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).

#### **LIBRARY FUND**

This fund provides for print and electronic media for the Temple Library.

#### **LEWIS FAMILY FUND**

This fund is used for lectures and other programs of Judaic interest and full or partial scholarships to Jewish camps.

### SINAI TEMPLE FEBRUARY 2017 BOARD MEETING

- ✧ Update of the building renovation process.
- ✧ Budget Committee is in the process of determining the budget for FY18-19.
- ✧ Nomination committee will be forming soon to nominate new board members.
- ✧ There have been repairs made to the smoke detector systems in the Temple and a 3 phase monitor was installed. This allows the system to shut down the HVAC if a problem arises and also to activate an alarm.

One day, a farmer was working in the field with his sick horse. The farmer felt compassion for the animal and wanted to free the horse so he let the horse go to the mountains to live out the rest of his life. His neighbor said, "How terrible. Now your only horse is gone. You must be very sad." The farmer replied, "Maybe so, maybe not. We'll see."

Two days later, the horse returned from the mountain followed by a dozen younger and healthier horses. Upon seeing this, the neighbor exclaimed, "How fortunate you are! You must be very happy." The farmer replied, "Maybe so, maybe not. We'll see."

The next day, the farmer's only son was working to train the new horses when one of them threw the son to the ground. The son broke his leg and was unable to continue working until it was healed. The neighbor quickly approached the farmer and said, "What a tragedy! You will have to do all the work by yourself now." The farmer replied, "Maybe so, maybe not. We'll see."

Several days later, all of the young men in the village were drafted into the army. The farmer's son was deemed unfit because of his broken leg. "How fortunate!" cried the neighbor

as his own sons were marched away. The farmer replied, "Maybe so, maybe not. We'll see."

Although not from our tradition, this story echoes the Jewish saying, "gam zeh ya'avov—this too shall pass." When we are faced with a challenging situation or a tragedy, it is up to us to decide how we will react. Facing adversity is not new to us—we are reminded over and over that this is one of the things that keeps Judaism alive. While we cannot control a situation, we do have the power to react and to create a change so that ultimately, even something horrible can result in something positive. Also, as demonstrated in the story above, if something seems to be going amazingly well, there is value in realizing that the situation can change in an instant. We can't ever stop doing our work to make the world a better place, because in that moment, when we feel everything is great, will also pass. There is a rabbinic passage that says, "gam zu la tovah—this is also for good." In this season of celebrating freedom and overcoming adversity, between the time of Purim and Passover, consider how your choices to act and react can influence the outcome of a situation.



Religious School: March 11

Hebrew School: March 7, 11, 14, 28

### Other Events:

March 2 First Friday Shabbat

March 4 Purim Carnival

March 10 Religious School Shabbat morning  
(tefillah and light brunch)

March 16 Shabbat Rocks! and Next Dor

Spring Break March 17-25

**Please Note:** On the original RS calendar, it indicates that we have class on April 1. This is incorrect as it is the second day of Pesach. There is **no Religious School on April 1.**

# THANK YOU

This year, we exceeded our goal  
the Purim Basket (Shalach Manot)

Greeting Project!

Thank you to everyone who  
participated!

Thank you for purchasing greetings,  
delivering baskets, and filling baskets.

Thank you for supporting the  
community and Sinai Temple  
Religious School.



# Announcements

## BOOK GROUP



**Sunday, March 19th, 7:30 PM**

The Book Group usually meets the third Monday of the month at 7:30 PM. We will be reading, *Killer of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI*, by David Grann. Host & Facilitator: Ann Sapoznik, 308 Yankee Ridge Lane, U. (367-5262). 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. Throughout 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](mailto:robinfans1@gmail.com) or by phone at 217-367-8053.

## VIMs

**Thursday, March 1st at 11:45 AM**

Calling all women 55 and older, come join us for lunch and fellowship at Baxter's in Champaign. 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).

## CUJF ANNUAL CAMPAIGN DINNER

**Sunday, March 11th, 6pm**

The dinner will be held at the Margie K & Louis Cohen Center for Jewish Life, 503 E. John St. The featured speaker is Jeff Ruby, Chief Dining Critic for Chicago Magazine. At the dinner, we will be honoring Dr. Brian Kahn and CUJF's Holocaust Education Committee. Cost of dinner is \$36 for adults, \$18 for students. Free childcare provided Please RSVP by Friday, March 2 by calling 367-9872 or at [www.cujf.org](http://www.cujf.org).



*We appreciate each and every one of you for your dedication every month in preparing the monthly bulletins for mail.*

*A BIG thank you from Sinai Temple Congregation*

## Sinai Temple Gift Shop

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

### MARCH SPECIAL

**20% off** ALL in-stock items from our Children's Department (includes toys & games)

Also, be sure to check out the Inventory Clearance Table **40% OFF MERCHANDISE** (or reasonable offer)

### REGULAR HOURS OF OPERATION

Sundays 9:00 AM–1:00 PM

*(during Religious School)*

Wednesdays 4:00 PM–6:00 PM

*(during Hebrew School)*

**But we are ALWAYS open by APPOINTMENT.**

Email: [nataliefr@comcast.net](mailto:nataliefr@comcast.net) or call Natalie Frankenberg (390-4168), Jessica Kopolow (417-8699) 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.

**Bulletin Submission:** The deadline for **April Bulletin** is **March 15th**. All submissions may be edited for length and content. **EMAIL submissions to:** [Roxanna Davison, assistant@sinaitemplecu.org](mailto:Roxanna.Davison@sinaitemplecu.org).



# Giving

*This listing only reflects donations received through **mid-February**. Donations received after this 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.*

## BUILDING FUND

Robert & Lauren Boucek  
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Veronica Shavitt, in memory of Juliana  
Wertheimer-Neuwirth  
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Jerome Sholem

## RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Frank Adleman, in memory of Marilyn  
Adleman  
Robert & Lauren Boucek

## GENERAL FUND

Carl & Carol Belber, congratulations to  
Gene Robinson on being awarded  
the prestigious Wolf Prize  
William & Phyllis Gingold, in memory of  
David Gingold  
Gayle & Ira Kopin, in memory of Jenny  
Mandel

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## LIBRARY FUND

Henrietta Schwartz & Sue Brim, in  
memory of Henry & Bernice Schwartz

## SIEGAL SOCIAL ACTION FUND

Anthony & Penelope Soskin, in memory  
of Eva Rosenfield, a much respected  
member of the Sinai community

Our Trivia Night Fundraising Event was a Great Success! We hope everyone enjoyed it. Many thanks to all who devoted time to planning and executing this fun evening. Our next Fundraising Event is scheduled for May 6th. "Relax & Refresh".



## RELAX & REFRESH

*Meditation, Yoga, Tai Chi and Massage  
to reinvigorate body, mind, and spirit*

**Sunday, May 6, 2:00–4:00 PM**

Join us for this Sinai Spa Afternoon, which is our 'spring-into-health' fundraiser. In addition to treating yourself to the benefits of these four wellness practices, we'll have a healthy 'Smoothies and Schmooze' bar after our activities.

To help us plan for our spa afternoon, you can call the Temple Office at 352-8140 or look for the SignUp Genius link in the weekly email blast. You can pay the \$25/person registration fee online or at the door. This event is appropriate for ages 10 and up. Babysitting service will be available. And, of course, invite your friends! Questions? Contact Co-chairs Robin Goettel at [robinfans1@gmail.com](mailto:robinfans1@gmail.com) or Linda Weiner at [lindakweiner@gmail.com](mailto:lindakweiner@gmail.com).

# Memorials

Friday, March 2

Sakip Altay ( 4 Mar)  
Mack Bernard Braun ( 6 Mar)  
David S. Choldin ( 6 Mar)  
Irving Cohen ( 3 Mar)  
Arthur Fagan ( 7 Mar)  
Murray Friedman ( 9 Mar)  
Rita Mae Goodman (22 1Ad)

Bernice Goldstick Hess ( 3 Mar)  
Ethel Hymowitz (22 Ada)  
Bernard Karsh ( 7 Mar)  
William Klaiman ( 6 Mar)  
Sam Klugman ( 8 Mar)  
Mollie Leavitt ( 9 Mar)  
Jack Marco ( 4 Mar)

Solon Aaron Reyman ( 9 Mar)  
Minnie Slutsky ( 8 Mar)  
Ruth Marieke van Es ( 6 Mar)  
Rosetta Kuhn Victor ( 9 Mar)  
Irving Weinberg (21 2Ad)  
Rosalie Willis ( 3 Mar)  
Colonel Uzi Yairi ( 6 Mar)

Friday, March 9

Sylvia Kadish Cohen (13 Mar)  
Stanley Depper (24 Ada)  
Oscar Einhorn (25 1Ad)  
Bess Frankenberg (15 Mar)  
Zola Joseph Goodfriend (12 Mar)  
Carl Greenstein (15 Mar)

Sarah Westerman Konick (15 Mar)  
Harriet Mildred Lavey (10 Mar)  
Paul Michael Mischakoff (12 Mar)  
Raymond Perlov (15 Mar)  
Delores Jean Rosenbaum (15 Mar)  
Edith Sapoznik (10 Mar)

Ted Sher (11 Mar)  
Charles O. Silverman (25 Ada)  
Hiram Gene Slottow (11 Mar)

Friday, March 16

James Adler (17 Mar)  
Fritz Braunfeld (18 Mar)  
Sidney S. Feldman (19 Mar)  
Gary Fromm (23 Mar)  
Annette Lewis Glaser (20 Mar)  
Christopher Kanis (21 Mar)  
Martin H. Katz ( 4 Nis)

Harry Lipson Sr (20 Mar)  
John P. Melhado ( 1 Nis)  
Alan Pall (22 Mar)  
Sonya Pearlman (23 Mar)  
Helen Tepper (22 Mar)  
Daniel Terry (19 Mar)  
Anne B. Weisel ( 3 Nis)

Bill Wiese (21 Mar)

Friday, March 23

Rose Shore Applebaum (30 Mar)  
Edwin M. Banks (24 Mar)  
Phillip Bedein (28 Mar)  
Samuel Cossman (28 Mar)  
John Porter Davis (29 Mar)  
Edward L. Edlitz (26 Mar)  
Bertha Ginsburg (28 Mar)  
Isadore Ginsburg (29 Mar)  
Emanuel Heller (14 Nis)

Harry Hirshenson (25 Mar)  
Ben Kaufman (24 Mar)  
Clara Kaufman (10 Nis)  
Ida Klugman (28 Mar)  
Fania Levin (30 Mar)  
Charles F. Loeb (25 Mar)  
Rose (Bebbe) Mandel (29 Mar)  
Charles Miller (26 Mar)  
Harry Miller (28 Mar)

Lynne Muller (24 Mar)  
Jack Robinson (14 Nis)  
Sonja Robinson (10 Nis)  
Myer Joseph Rosenfield (13 Nis)  
Evan Gordon Sarney (25 Mar)  
Edward I. Siegal (25 Mar)  
Anna B. Vineberg (27 Mar)

Friday, March 30

Dr Samuel Bojar (17 Nis)  
Henia Shifreh Bursztyn (19 Nis)  
Jack Diamond ( 3 Apr)  
Edward Epstein (16 Nis)  
Barbara Ferdman ( 5 Apr)  
Gertrude H. Francisco (19 Nis)  
Joshua David Gottheil ( 4 Apr)

Paul Karsh ( 1 Apr)  
Adam Koslofsky ( 4 Apr)  
Arthur Lerner (31 Mar)  
Wolf Lewis ( 2 Apr)  
Irma Lipson ( 4 Apr)  
Abraham Loeb ( 4 Apr)  
Beverlee Mirell ( 1 Apr)

Woodrow Pearlman ( 6 Apr)  
Nina Nelson Seidenberg ( 4 Apr)  
Lenore Levy Simon ( 6 Apr)  
Marcus Tager ( 4 Apr)

Adding memorials to your membership record is simple. Just call the Temple office 217-352-8140 or email us at [stoffice@sinaitemplecu.org](mailto: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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