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Sinai Temple Fundraiser

MONDAY, MAY 14

Dine at Monical's Pizza

205 N. Mattis, Champaign or 2720 Philo Rd, Urbana

And Monical's will donate 20% of your 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.



A SPRING GROUNDS CLEANUP DAY will be held on **May 20th from 10:00 AM -12:30 PM.** We are looking for volunteers to help clean up the Temple grounds, raking, mulching, pruning, etc. If you

are able to help, please bring your gloves, rakes and brooms.



BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS

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

Sinai Temple Gift Shop

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

MAY SPECIAL

20% off the ENTIRE STORE has been EXTENDED!!

*Offer valid on in-stock merchandise only; excludes special orders, books and previously reduced items.

Upcoming B'not Mitzvah:

Emma Donnini, May 26

Norah Kopolow, June 2

REGULAR HOURS OF OPERATION

Sundays 9:00 AM-1:00 PM

(during Religious School)

Wednesdays 4:00 PM-6:00 PM

(during Hebrew School)

Please Note: The last day of Religious School is Sunday, May 6th. Beginning Sunday, May 15th, we will be open on **SUNDAYS ONLY FROM 10:00 AM-12:00 PM FOR THE REMAINDER OF MAY.**

We will be closed during June and July, but we will be available **BY APPOINTMENT DURING THE ENTIRE SUMMER.** Please check the August bulletin for when the Gift Shop will reopen.

But we are ALWAYS open by APPOINTMENT. Email: 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.

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THE SANCTUARY RENOVATION COMMITTEE

Many of you are aware that there have been serious discussions going on for several years concerning repairs, upgrades and modifications of our building. These discussions have been driven by a combination of concerns for serious (and possibly dangerous) defects in its infrastructure and a desire to make our building accessible and more useful for the many and varied programs that enrich our congregational life.

Last year our Board engaged the Champaign branch of the design firm RATIO to do a feasibility study of our needs so that we have some idea of possible costs. RATIO's report features three possible scenarios, heavily weighted toward our infrastructure needs and touching more lightly on redesign considerations.

In November of last year, I was contacted by our President Rob Ore and longtime Building Committee chair Art Siegel, and I was asked to form a committee which would have the responsibility of seeing such a renovation project to completion. With the participation of the Board, the following committee was assembled, which we named the Sanctuary Renovation Committee (SRC); its members are: Carol Belber, Laura Bleill, Melanie Dankowicz, Natalie Frankenberg, Sanford Hess, Jessica Kopolow, Susan Schomer (Vice-Chair), Art Siegel, Paul Weichsel (Chair), and Rosalind Weinberg.

In considering the issue of design, the Renovation Committee decided that given the limited experience of RATIO with Jewish sacred spaces, it would be useful to reach out to some architects with substantial experience in synagogue design. We contacted the Knowledge Network of the URJ who were very helpful in referring us to available resources. After clearing our ideas with the Board, we have arranged for visits to our building from three architectural firms that do have relevant experiences. Those visits are scheduled to take place later in April and early in May. The total cost of these visits will be well under \$1000.

We are very excited by the prospect of bringing our building into the 21st century in the best sense of the word. We are committed to being transparent with the Board and with the congregation as a whole as much as possible.

The Board will have final approval rights on our recommendations and the congregation will have ample opportunity to comment.

Expect to hear from us on a regular basis.

Paul Weichsel