

Schedule of Services

FRIDAY, APRIL 5

5:30 PM Erev Shabbat First Friday
Service & Dinner

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

10:00 AM Mitchell Barra's Bar Mitzvah

FRIDAY, APRIL 12

7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service

SATURDAY, APRIL 13

10:00 AM Maya Viswanathan's Bat Mitzvah

FRIDAY, APRIL 19

6:00 PM Community Seder at UIUC Hillel
(There will be no service
at Sinai Temple)

SATURDAY, APRIL 20

10:00 AM Egalitarian Traditional Minyan

FRIDAY, APRIL 26

7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service

SATURDAY, APRIL 27

10:00 AM Egalitarian Traditional Minyan

SUNDAY, APRIL 28

10:30 AM Yom HaShoah Program



This year's community seder will be held on Friday, April 19 at 6 PM at Illini Hillel Cohen Center, 503 E. John St. There will be no Shabbat service at Sinai Temple that evening; a brief Shabbat service will be held at Hillel at 5:30 PM prior to the seder, to allow mourners to recite kaddish. The seder will be conducted by Rabbi Ari Naveh, Senior Jewish Educator at UIUC Hillel.

Hillel will also be offering other Kosher-for-Passover meals throughout the week of the holiday. Advance reservations are required.

See Insert for more events . . .

Passover Showcase

in the Main Lobby

FOR ONE DAY ONLY!

Sunday, April 7th,

9:00 AM–1:00 PM

***We will have everything you need to observe and celebrate
Passover! From Seder plates and matzah trays to hostess gifts
and Afikomen prizes, we've got you covered!***



Bulletin Submission: The deadline to submit information for the **May Bulletin** is **April 15th**. All submissions may be edited for length and content. **EMAIL submissions to:** Roxanna.Davison@sinaitemplecu.org.

From Rabbi Alan Cook's Desk



Recently, our Sunday morning Adult Education group had a session on Gematria. This is a system whereby Hebrew letters are substituted for numbers in an effort to find additional hidden meaning in a word. For instance, we associate the number 18 (and multiples thereof), with good luck and life. This is because, in gematria, **חַי**, the Hebrew word for “life” is equivalent to 18 (the

chet is 8 and the *yod* is 10).

There is a system of textual interpretation utilizing *gematria* that theorizes that secret meanings to words or phrases are hidden in their *gematria* values. A fine example of this is derived from the Passover Haggadah. Recall that the Haggadah speaks of four types of children: A wise child, a wicked child, a simple child, and one who does not know how to ask. In this series, the wise child is seen as possessing the sort of character toward which we should all aspire. This is a wholly righteous individual, also known as a *tzaddik*.

By contrast, a wicked child is seen as the embodiment of evil. Such a child is to be spurned and avoided. In fact, the Haggadah teaches that with such a child, we must “dull his teeth.”

But Rabbi Eliezer Rokeach (ca. 1665-1742) taught that the difference between a wise child and a wicked child is not as stark as one might think. He showed this through *gematria*. The numerical value of *tzaddik* is $90+4+10+100=204$. A wicked person, a *rasha*, has a *gematria* value of $200+300+70=570$.

But, if we fulfill the command to “dull his teeth” (teeth in Hebrew are *shinav*, and we can “dull” them by removing them from the equation). *Shinav* in *gematria* is $300+50+10+6=366$. Taking a *rasha* (570), therefore, and dulling/removing his teeth—*shinav* (366), leaves us with a righteous person, *tzaddik* (204).

Rabbi Eliezer’s point is more than a mere *gematria* parlor trick. He is showing us that each of us has a choice in our character—at Passover time and throughout the year. We can reject the relevance of the exodus narrative in our lives, like the wicked child, showing ourselves unworthy of redemption. Or we can behave wisely and perform acts of righteousness, like the wise child. These qualities are not ingrained in our being as an accident of our birth; as humans endowed with free will, we have the opportunity to choose our behavior and thus mold our destiny.

There’s a reading in the *Mishkan Tefillah* prayerbook that invokes a metaphor: “...wherever we go, it is eternally Egypt.”

We always have the opportunity to seek freedom, to resist oppression, to prove ourselves worthy of God’s redemptive power. But, as Rabbi Eliezer has shown, the gulf is not so wide between those who act wisely and those who act wickedly. May we strive to be wise children, heeding the messages of Passover and sharing them with those who will follow us.

Wishing you a *zissen Pesach*, a sweet Passover,

L’Shalom,

Rabbi Alan Cook



Mazal Tov to **Lillian Katz, Sondra Libman and Bette van Es** who are recipients of the Seventy Over 70 award. This distinguished group will be celebrated at the Round Barn Banquet Centre on April 4th.

Mazal Tov to **John and Bette van Es** on their 80th birthdays this month. Happy Birthday!

BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS

If you celebrate a birthday or anniversary in April, please join us at our services on **Friday, April 12th**. 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!

Near the end of this month, 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 all over the world. Passover 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 the most moving parts of the Seder our family celebrates is the dipping of *karpas* in salt water to remind us that, however much freedom we enjoy, there are millions in the world who are not free. Let us not turn a blind eye to their plight but rather work for a day when all people everywhere can be free. May our example inspire in them a yearning to breathe free, so that peace can reign throughout the earth. Let us be defined, therefore, not as a people who have endured great suffering, but as a people whose capacity for compassion blazes brightly, illuminating the world. This is the true meaning of Passover.

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!

My own term as president is drawing to a close, and, as I look

back over my tenure in that position, I feel so fortunate to have had this chance to learn, grow, and serve. The term of a president is so brief that, by the time you figure out how to do the job, it's time to step aside and hand over the reins to your successor. But this is good for everybody. It allows more people to have this leadership experience, and, at the same time, it creates a more diverse collection of ideas, attitudes, and approaches to add to the mosaic of Sinai Temple. We are truly a community that only gets stronger the more of ourselves we bring to it.

Finally, a word about *Yesod Le'Atid*, A Foundation for the Future. Having participated in the visit the weekend of March 1-3 by our architects, Michael Landau and Joshua Zinder, I am feeling very positive and energized about our upcoming renovation project. Various others are also sharing their impressions in this month's bulletin, but I wanted to talk a little bit about what I learned. I attended several services and meetings, as a member of the congregation, as a member of the Board, and as a member of the Sinai Renovation Committee. Those of us who were present for the Saturday Evening Roll-Out got to meet the architects, learn a little about who they are and what they plan to do for us, and hear from our Development Committee about fundraising to date. I want to thank the Renovation and Development Committees for putting together this event and allowing us all to start getting excited about the possibilities for our renovation. If you missed that event, don't worry: There will be other opportunities to interact with these committees and with the architects in coming months. We can all be very proud of the work our committees and Board have done to bring us where we are now, and, with the help of the entire community, we can look forward to a bright future for Sinai Temple.

See you in Temple!



SINAI TEMPLE MARCH 2019 BOARD MEETING

- ☆ The Board is delighted to welcome Amy Roady as a new Sinai Temple member. Please welcome her to our community!
- ☆ Rabbi Alan's D'Var Torah: In the Sabbath before Purim, we need to remember threats, such as Haman was to the Jewish people, and be vigilant to these, while also continuing to live our lives in an open manner and spirit.
- ☆ The Sinai Renovation Committee provided an update on Temple renovations, with review of the firm Landau|Zinder's recent visit to Temple Sinai on March 1-3. The architects observed and participated in many Temple activities, and they met with Congregation members and various committees. The

Board voted to have Landau|Zinder create a master plan for the Temple renovation. This master plan will facilitate a holistic integration of the planned renovations with all Temple spaces and future needs.

- ☆ Wynne Korr highlighted the success to date in fundraising and financial pledges for the upcoming renovation, while also noting the need for additional work to reach the Temple's fundraising goal.
- ☆ The Purim baskets fundraiser for the Religious School was a smashing success and exceeded the fundraising goal. Around 300 baskets were delivered during the Purim week. Likewise, Trivia Night on February 23 raised considerable money for the Temple and provided a night of fun trivia challenge to all.

For his Bar Mitzvah, Gabe received a beautiful haggadah. Recently, he started to look through it and asked if we could use it at our seder this year. I remembered a seder that I attended in Israel where each participant was asked to bring a haggadah. There were 75 people at this seder—it was an amazing evening, but what really made the meal and rituals engaging (and INCREDIBLY LONG) was that each person was asked to share a commentary from the different haggadot that he/she felt was interesting...for every step of the seder.

The seder is intended to be for all participants. There are themes of the seder that are relevant to people of all ages and abilities; journeys, questioning, freedom and food. The particular haggadah that we use at our table is merely a book that guides us through the order of the seder. Filled with insight and commentary and illustrations, the expansive collection of

haggadot is worth exploring. Ultimately, it is the **experience** at the seder that engages and connects us to our ancestors. Our purpose is to retell the story so that each of us feels as if we were in Egypt at the time of the Exodus. For some of your guests, this might mean tasting bitter herbs and salty water. For others, it might mean physically carrying something that is heavy or being given a “Minute to Win it” challenge that requires careful thinking and concentration.

As you prepare for your seder this year, in addition to planning the meal and polishing the silver, think carefully about how your experience can teach those who will sit around your table. How will you give every member of your seder a way to connect to the story of our ancestors, which is also our story?

DATES TO KNOW:

RELIGIOUS/HEBREW SCHOOL DATES:

Wednesdays: April 3, 10, 17, 24

Sundays: April 7, 14, 28

NOTE: There is no school on April 21 because it is chag (Pesach)

Reminder: On April 24, if your child brings a snack to Hebrew School, please only send snacks that are Kosher for Passover.

APRIL EVENTS

April 5 – Hebrew School Shabbat: Hebrew students in Alef-Dalet (3-6 grades) will lead portions of the service. Students in Alef will receive their siddur and be recognized for completing the Alef Bet. This is a First Friday service (5:30 start) followed by a congregational dinner. Please sign up by emailing Rabbi Jody!

April 11 – 3 and Under Chavurah (5:30-7:00)

April 19 – Community 1st Seder at Hillel

April 19 – April 26/27 – Pesach

April 28 – Yom HaShoah Speaker and Ceremony (during Religious School, community members are encouraged to come. Older students will participate in the event).



Announcements

ADULT EDUCATION

Sundays, 11:30 AM–12:30 PM

On most Sundays when Religious School is in session, we are pleased to offer our Adult Education. Classes are open to the entire community, regardless of whether you have a student enrolled in Sinai Temple Religious School. Come grab a cup of coffee from Sinai Cafe, and enjoy learning with your friends.

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 5779, we will begin exploring the entirety of the Tanakh, not just the Torah. Newcomers are welcome to come study with us!

BOOK GROUP

Monday, 7:30 PM

The Book Group usually meets the third Monday of the month at 7:30 PM. We will be reading *Leopard at the Door* by Jennifer McVeigh. Host and Facilitator: Joyce Francisco, 1505 Greyrock Ln., U. (378-8024) Contact Person: Susan Schomer (359-2938).

GENTLE CHAIR YOGA

Fridays, 11:30 AM to 12:15 AM

April 5th & April 26th only

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 phone 217-898-9953 or email robinfans1@gmail.com.

VIMs

Thursday, April 4th at 11:45 AM

Calling all women 55 and older, come join us for lunch and fellowship at Houlihan'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.



Mitchell Barra

Mitchell Scott Barra will be called to the torah as a Bar Mitzvah on the 6th of April, 2019. Mitchell is a 7th grader at Maroa-Forsyth Middle School in Maroa, Illinois. He enjoys various sports such as football, basketball, track and sports even though he doesn't play in a league. He likes to watch Netflix or hang out with friends. One thing he loves to do is to camp with the boy scout troop he is in (Troop 202 out of Decatur Illinois.)

This year the B'nai Mitzvah class has done multiple mitzvah projects individually. Some of the things they have done this year are visiting the sick, helping the community with saving resources, and as a class discussing things that other people have done to help make our world a better place.

Maya Viswanathan



Maya Viswanathan will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on April 13, 2019. She is thankful to her tutor Kari Imlay and all her teachers at Sinai Temple over the years for preparing her for this day. She loves coming to Sinai Temple for shabbat, holidays, and youth events. She also enjoys playing the violin with the Maccabee Flats, Sinai Temple's youth music band. Maya likes to read.

She started a book club for younger girls that reads Jewish books. Another favorite activity for Maya is writing. She is a blogger for Stone Soup Magazine and recently wrote an entry about the Pittsburgh Synagogue in order to help spread awareness about anti-semitism. Maya also enjoys mathematics. She goes to a math circle and helps teach younger girls. She also volunteers in a math class at Barkstall Elementary. Finally, Maya loves to hang out with her friends. Maya and her parents, Yael Gertner and Mahesh Viswanathan, are looking forward to celebrating her bat mitzvah with the Sinai Temple community.

Giving

BUILDING FUND

Mitch & Kim Fisher
Michael Parrish
Adena Wilson & Bev Wilson Jr.

GARDEN FUND

In celebration of John & Betty van Es on their 80th birthdays from their children Peter, Robin, Tasha and Heidi van Es.

GENERAL FUND

Robert Greenstein, thank you for your kindness in sending reminders of yahrzeit dates of my family
Judy Lachman, in memory of Malcolm Lachman
Bernice & Laurence Lieberman, in memory of Alice Ore
Iryna Matsymchuk & Alexander Polishuk
George & Mary Perlstein, in memory of Ruth Morhaim
Myron & Sonya Sholem, in memory of Edward Siegal

Dvora Tager, in memory of Pauline Tager, in memory of Marcus Tager, in memory of Jessica Underberg, in memory of Marianne Melnikoff, in memory of Florence Reyman, in memory of Isaac Reyman, in memory of Ruth Tager and in memory of Stephen Tager

KITCHEN/ONEG FUND

Michael Parrish
Adena Wilson & Bev Wilson, Jr.

YESOD L'ATID RENOVATION FUND

Carl & Carol Belber, in memory of Aaron Averbuch and in memory of Ruth Morhaim
Lesley Silverstone & John Belzer, in memory of Aaron Averbuch

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.

This listing only reflects donations received through mid-March. Donations received after this date will be acknowledged in future Bulletins.

2019 ANNUAL BENEFIT



Wednesday, April 10th

3:30–6:00 PM

Silvercreek Restaurant

402 N. Race, Urbana

Enjoy a delicious bowl of Silvercreek's soup & home-made bread, and take home a locally-made, hand-crafted ceramic bowl. All proceeds go to Daily Bread

Soup Tickets: \$25/adult \$10/child 12 & under.

Sinai Temple Gift Shop

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

20% OFF ALL in-stock Seder Plates.

During our Passover Showcase, we will feature additional Passover items at a discount.

Passover Showcase

*Sunday, April 7th, 9AM–1PM
in the main lobby*

UPCOMING B'NAI MITZVAH

Mitchell Barra, April 6
Maya Viswanathan, April 13

REGULAR HOURS OF OPERATION

Sundays 9:00 AM–12:30 PM
(during Religious School)
Wednesdays 4:00 PM–5:30 PM
(during Hebrew School)

But we are ALWAYS open by APPOINTMENT.

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Shalom!

Memorials

Friday, April 5

Helen Gold Beller (10 Apr)
Benjamin Grossman (12 Apr)
Donald Imlay (10 Apr)
Martin H. Katz (4 Nis)
Edward R. Kerman (12 Apr)
Lena Loeb Kuhn (8 Apr)
Aaron Kurland (8 Apr)

Hermine Ruth Lachman (7 Apr)
Helaine Stone Lane (9 Apr)
Leonard D. Lewis (10 Apr)
Ruth Marshak (12 Apr)
John P. Melhado (1 Nis)
Woodrow Pearlman (6 Apr)
Selig Schwartz (9 Apr)

Lenore Levy Simon (6 Apr)
Gladys Singman (11 Apr)
Abraham Sitron (12 Apr)
Anne B. Weisel (3 Nis)

Friday, April 12

Louis Cutler (19 Apr)
Saerree K. Fiedler (14 Apr)
Fred Gottheil (19 Apr)
Alvin Hamburg (19 Apr)
Emanuel Heller (14 Nis)
Miriam B. Kaplan (16 Apr)

Clara Kaufman (10 Nis)
Clara Koslofsky (16 Apr)
Gary Lyon (16 Apr)
Rose Maus (18 Apr)
Amelia A. Reineberg (16 Apr)
Lee W. Reineberg (16 Apr)

Jack Robinson (14 Nis)
Sonja Robinson (10 Nis)
Myer Joseph Rosenfield (13 Nis)
Alex Rubin (14 Apr)
Rose Weissman (19 Apr)

Friday, April 19

Leon M. Ades (25 Apr)
Joel Lee Agran (21 Apr)
Molly Belber (26 Apr)
Dr Samuel Bojar (17 Nis)
Evelyn Nelson Bros (21 Apr)
Henia Shifreh Bursztyn (19 Nis)
Hannah Choldin (21 Apr)

Edward Epstein (16 Nis)
Gertrude H. Francisco (19 Nis)
Lillian Gingold (22 Apr)
Sidney Kadish (20 Apr)
Lewis Lasker (26 Apr)
Dorothy Evelyn Pollard Liebovich (22 Apr)

Mathilde Loeb (24 Apr)
Kenneth H. Ober (26 Apr)
Natalie M. Smith (21 Apr)
Joyce Snyder (23 Apr)
Gertrude Katz Tax (21 Apr)
Beatrice R. Tepper (21 Apr)

Friday, April 26

Samuel Adleman (30 Apr)
Frank A. Berg (27 Apr)
Edward Israel Blum (29 Apr)
Isidore Brill (29 Apr)
Bertha Rabinowitz Diness (30 Apr)
Michael Faiman (24 Nis)
Fay Ferrer (24 Nis)

Faye Garrick (24 Nis)
Philip Horwitz (3 May)
Raisa Ionina (1 May)
Blair Bernard Kling (2 May)
Alfred Kohn (28 Apr)
Celia Berman Kulwin (30 Apr)
Florine Lesht (28 Nis)

Ethel Uritz Marcus (29 Apr)
Ida Levine Markoff (30 Apr)
Herbert Rubinstein (29 Apr)
Helen Kranson Siess (1 May)
Seymour Sudman (2 May)
Theodore H. Zimmerman (1 May)

Friday, May 3

William Adelston (9 May)
Laura Moore Avner (4 May)
Henrietta N. Bloomfield (5 Iya)
Misha Bursztyn (4 Iya)
Bertha Craven (5 May)
Beverly J. Cronin (4 May)
Edward Dessen (8 May)
Sonia Doppelt (9 May)
Carolyn Kuhn Feffer (7 May)
Wahei Fujimoto (29 Nis)
Abraham Gerald Ginsberg (5 May)

Donald M. Ginsberg (7 May)
Morton S. Glaser (8 May)
Abraham Goldberg (6 May)
William Arthur Graff (6 May)
Daniel Leon Harlib (29 Nis)
Sara Lewis (8 May)
Simon Litman (7 May)
Mariane Tager Melnikoff (8 May)
Pearl Miller (10 May)
Mary Ann Nathan (29 Nis)
Sarah Braudes Olefsky (7 May)

Edith Pincus (4 May)
Ida Reider (30 Nis)
Lee E. Roland (10 May)
Norman Stanley Rosenzweig (4 May)
Naomi M. Siegel (4 May)
Minnie Sosnoff (2 Sep)
Pauline Evenson Tager (5 May)
Manie Tepper (5 May)
David Uzrad (5 Iya)
Herman Edward Waisvisz (9 May)
Rose Weissler (4 Iya)



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SAVE THE DATE

Zahav • זנח

A golden evening of culinary delights with owners of the acclaimed Philadelphia restaurant *Zahav*, James Beard Award winners Chef Michael Solomonov and Steven Cook.

Mark your calendars for the culinary event of the season, benefitting Sinai Temple's Yesod Le'Atid renovation campaign.



MAY 16TH, 2019 at 6:30 P.M.
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Sponsorship opportunities available. Please contact the temple office for further details at (217) 352-8140.

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THANK YOU!!
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THANK YOU!!

This year, we exceeded our goal
for 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.



Exhibit "Through Their Eyes"

Will be on display in the Davis Chapel
following the Yom HaShoah Program

Sunday, April 28

through Wednesday, May 1

Students from area schools including: Franklin Middle School, Salt Fork Elementary and Barkstall Elementary will display their various artwork on the Holocaust.



Yom HaShoah will be observed on

Sunday April 28 at 10:30 AM

Our keynote speaker will be Jeffrey Gingold,
the author of the book *Tunnel, Smuggle, Collect: A Holocaust Boy*,
the true story of his father, the late Sam Gingold

Following the program, there will be a reception featuring light refreshments.



GREEN TEAM

In April we observe not only Passover, but also the secular Earth Day and Arbor Day. We are reminded through both spiritual observance and environmental action that nature is powerful. Just as we recount the story of Exodus in every generation, we need to teach every generation to care for the earth through sustainable practices.

Thanks to everyone who got ready to celebrate "World Water Day" (March 22) at First Friday on March 1. Our efforts to cut waste with reusable dinnerware, and learn about water preservation helps Sinai Temple be a more sustainable congregation. Special thanks to Alice Berkson for the water-themed table décor, too!

Green Team Tip, submitted by Green Team

"Coach" Cindy Shepherd, Faith in Place:

Check out the youtube series "Global Weirdering". Short, simple explanations to help us talk about Climate Change in a compassionate, but scientific way! www.pbs.org/show/global-weirdering/.

SIPUREI SIFRIYAH (Tales from the Library)

THANK YOU to the following people who spent the morning of Sunday March 10th moving our entire collection! This allowed the lower level to be dried out thoroughly after water damage:

Robbin Higgins (Library Committee member, who is also returning this week to help sort damaged books) and Neil Higgins, who both drove all the way from Bradley, IL; Linden Galloway (Library Committee member); Gary Bernstein; Jake, Malachai, and Zev Sosnoff; Carol Belber; Susan Schomer; Dan Kopolow; Jessica Kopolow and others (for supplying much-needed boxes and crates)

Sadly, we lost our adult biography section to water damage, but it could have been a lot worse. Stay tuned for more library updates. In the meantime, if you need a certain book, please email me at siniatemplelibrary.com. I'll try to find it for you in our state of controlled upheaval.

Katherine Coyle, Library Committee chair

YESOD LE'ATID

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Foundation for the Future

Sinai's architects arrived for the weekend of March 1–3, and had the opportunity to take in the breadth of our congregation. Starting with the First Friday service and dinner, continuing through Saturday's ETM and kiddush, and with a tremendous event on Saturday night to celebrate the start of the project. Michael Landau and Joshua Zinder, the principals of Landau/Zinder spoke about synagogue design in general, and their approach. Surveys were collected from congregants who wanted to complete one. The survey is also available through the Sinai web site.

The evening also featured good news about the fundraising efforts so far—please see the Development Committee update for more. On Sunday, March 3, the architects had additional meetings with the Renovation Committee (SRC), Security Committee, and the Board of Trustees. More discussions and visits will follow.

Sanford Hess, Chair

As Sanford noted, our weekend with the architects was inspiring and a reminder of the challenges ahead as we seek to make our space match our vision of a welcoming, inclusive Jewish community. We are thankful to the early investors in building our foundation for the future, Yesod Le'Atid. We all need to think about how we can step up and support this initiative. You can find a pledge form conveniently enclosed in the bulletin or online at sinaitemplecu.org. Click on Yesod Le'Atid to find the form and more information on the renovation. Please email me at wynne.korr@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Wynne Korr, Development Committee Chair