Schedule of Services

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3
5:30 PM  Erev Shabbat First Friday Service & Dinner

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10
7:30 PM  Erev Shabbat Service

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11
10:00 AM  Religious School Service

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17
5:30 PM  Shabbat Rocks!/Next Dor
7:30 PM  Erev Shabbat Service, MLK Service

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18
10:00 AM  Egalitarian Traditional Minyan

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24
7:30 PM  Erev Shabbat Service

FRIDAY, JANUARY 31
7:30 PM  Erev Shabbat Service

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1
10:00 AM  Egalitarian Traditional Minyan

35th Annual Dr. MLK, Jr. Service of Celebration

Sunday, January 19, 2020, 5:00 PM–7:00 PM
Krannert Center for the Performing Arts
Foellinger Great Hall
500 South Goodwin, Urbana

Since 1988, the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Advocacy for Justice Committee has awarded over 200 scholarships to local students attending colleges such as Parkland College, University of Illinois, and Historically Black Colleges and Universities. This year we honor the memory of Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. with a keynote address and music from the community choir.

Trivia NIGHT

See details for the 2020 Trivia Night on page 6!

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

Sinai Temple Bulletin

January 2020 ~ Tevet/Shevat 5780
I am writing this piece having just returned from my first month of sabbatical time and from the Union for Reform Judaism’s Biennial convention. I am grateful to have had the opportunity to take the sabbatical time for reflection and study, and to attend the Biennial in order to be inspired by leaders, thinkers, and musicians from throughout the Jewish community.

During the time that I was out of the office, I was not detached from the realities impacting Jewish life. In the past month, there have been a number of worrisome incidents perpetrated against Jews, including (but sadly, not limited to) the murder of hostages at a kosher supermarket in Jersey City, New Jersey; antisemitic attacks on a subway passenger in New York; and the wanton vandalism and destruction of Torah scrolls at a Sephardic synagogue in Beverly Hills, California. These are merely some of the worrisome domestic incidents; international acts of antisemitism also have been reported.

There’s an old curse (dubiously accredited to the Chinese) that says, “May you live in interesting times.” Certainly, it has been an “interesting” time period for the Jewish people. Many of us might prefer a bit less “interest,” which might help us feel a bit more secure about our place in the world. Given our innate human tendency to enter into “fight or flight” responses when we feel threatened, it’s hardly surprising that in the face of recent developments, many Jews are carefully weighing their options for the future.

But during the URJ Biennial, we had the opportunity to hear from Dr. Deborah Lipstadt, who offered a different perspective on current events—one that may allow us to shift our thinking and find hope. Dr. Lipstadt, the Dorot Professor of Modern Jewish History and Holocaust Studies at Emory University, challenged us to ask ourselves whether Jews have become too focused on antisemitism. She asked whether we have, in her words, focused more on the “oy” in our lives than the joy in our lives.

Certainly news reports of violence against Jews or vandalism against Jewish institutions are worrisome and unsettling, but Dr. Lipstadt argues that we cannot allow such concerns to become all-consuming. She recounted the story of one of her students, who confided that he had begun wearing a kippah as an act of defiance in response to these recent antisemitic occurrences. She said that her student’s action actually made her sad, because the student was adopting this practice not out of personal conviction and not because he derived personal meaning from the donning of a kippah, but because he saw it as a means of resistance. Dr. Lipstadt noted that we should not be allowing anti-Semites to dictate our Jewish practices in such a manner.

As we enter 2020, undoubtedly many will make puns on the year and tell us to be clear-eyed in our vision for the future. So before it becomes cliché, let me jump on that bandwagon: I think it is crucial that we keep a clear perspective on the world around us. We can remain vigilant against words of hate or antisemitic acts. But we can also maintain our Jewish pride and find joy in Jewish life and practice. That too is a great and important defense against encroaching bigotry.

I wish you all a sweet and meaningful [secular] New Year, filled with health and blessing.

L’Shalom,

Rabbi Alan Cook
Dear Friends,

I hope you are enjoying a wonderful Hanukkah and are excited for the new year.

I have always found it interesting how there are so many different ways to spell Chanukah (and my spell check does not seem to know any of them). The numerous spellings are a nice analogy for the numerous ways we celebrate. Growing up my family celebrations, in addition to lighting the menorah, eating latkes and playing dreidel, always included going out for Chinese food (which was a big treat back in the day) and a movie. We are fortunate that Rabbi Alan and Rabbi Jody organize our annual Chinese food and movie get together at temple- running 5 years strong! It is far better than the pizza I had at the Korean karaoke place for my first Christmas in CU!

While at Temple Sinai, I have also been introduced to sufganiyot. Although this is a new tradition for me it is hard to argue with adding jelly donuts to any celebration. I recently read an article online highlighting that fried cheese sticks are the latest trend in Chanukah fare. Do you have any unique Hanukkah celebrations? If so, I’d love to hear about them. Maybe we can include them in next year’s celebration!

Another aspect of the winter holiday season for me has always been explaining Hanukah to my non-Jewish friends and community. Being one of the few Jewish families in my hometown, this interfaith outreach frequently was placed on my brothers and me. In today’s times with limited tolerance, this outreach is incredibly important to me.

In non-Hanukah related news, the renovation is going strong. The board of trustees is in the process of approving a formal contract with Landau-Zinder, the architects who will be leading the renovation. During this planning process you may not see many changes to the temple building, but rest assured that we are indeed planning and moving forward toward the next phase!

I want to take a moment to thank Art Siegel and Rabbi Jody for helping out during Kathy Douglas’ absence. I am thankful that Kathy is making a full recovery. We are lucky to have such menches like Art in our community.

Cheers,

Jake Sosnoff, President
Sinai Temple
While many Sinai Temple families are travelling right now, I am staying in Champaign and thinking about travel of a different sort. This year, our family education program will be on January 19 and the theme will be travelling through the Torah. All of us are on a journey—whether we go far from our home base or whether we stay close. Throughout our journey of life, we have opportunities to grow and learn, to change our perspective and to adapt to situations. We also have opportunities to share and help others through their journeys.

At our Family Education program on January 19, we will work together to gain some understanding of the main stories, values (middot) and commandments (mitzvot) found in the 5 Books of Torah. This program is intended to be for Sinai Temple Religious School families with kids in Hand in Hand through 6th Grade. Siblings are always welcome. I hope you will join us on this journey!

### Annual Ice Skating Event

**Sunday, January 5**
1:30-4:00

**Campus REC—**
Ice Arena
406 E. Armory

Cost: $5 per skater—includes admissions, snacks and skates

Kids who are enrolled in Sinai Temple Religious School can be dropped off if they are in 3rd grade or older. All other children must be accompanied by an adult.

Please RSVP to Rabbi Jody by January 3.

### DATES TO KNOW:

**SUNDAY SCHOOL DATES:**

- January 19:
  - Family Education (watch for details, this is for parents and students through 7th grade)
  - No Hebrew School this morning.
- Hebrew High and Confirmation will meet at the regular time
  - January 26:
  - Hebrew and Religious School

**WEDNESDAY SCHOOL DATES:**

- January 15, 22, 29
- SHABBAT ROCKS/NEXT DOR
  - January 17
- 3 and UNDER CHAVURAH
  - January 9, 5:30-7:00
ADULT EDUCATION
Sundays, 10:30 AM–11:30 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
Sunday, January 19, 2:30 PM
The Book Group usually meets the third Monday of the month at 7:30 PM, however during January and February, we will meet on Sunday at 2:30 PM. We will be reading The Library Book by Susan Orlean. Host and Facilitator: Ann Sapoznik, 308 Yankee Ridge Ln., U. (367-5262) Contact Person: Susan Schomer (359-2938).

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

VIMs
Thursday, January 2 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.

MEALS ON WHEELS
Sinai Temple delivered meals to homebound people during the weeks of December 2nd and December 9th for Meals-on-Wheels

Thanks you to all of our volunteers:
- Ales Scheeline
- Ann Einhorn
- Avigail Snir
- Carol Belber
- Danny Lichtblau
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- Penny Soskin
- Robert Manaster
- Tony Soskin
Sinai Temple Gift Shop
(All Gift Shop profits go to support the Religious School)

JANUARY SPECIAL
30% OFF ALL in stock jewelry

Please Note: The Gift Shop will be closed during the Religious School Winter Break and will resume normal hours on Wednesday, January 15th.

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.
Email: natalief@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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Congratulations to Bill and Reva Egherman on 60 years of wedded bliss!

Tell us something wonderful that has happened in your life that you would like to share with the congregation!

Mazal Tov

Trivia Night

Save the date

WHEN
Saturday, February 22nd, at 7 PM. The program will begin at 7:15 sharp!

WHERE
Sinai Temple, North and South Pods

PRICES
A table of 8 for $96.
A single seat for $12.
Category Sponsorship is $125. There are 10 categories with 10 questions each. Sponsorship and a Table of 8 for $200.

It is BYOB but soft drinks will be provided. There will be more information to come concerning food, prizes, and categories.

To sign up go to: https://sinaitemplecu.org/trivia-night-reservation-form/.

For more information contact Bart Greenberger at 217-597-1357 or email Bart at bart.greenberger@yahoo.com if you want a table or a sponsorship. You can also call the office with the information, 352-8140.
Announcements

The renovation project is in a slowly moving phase while our architects solicit bids from contractors for our project. We are following the best practice of an "Integrated Design" approach—this means that we find our contractors first, (before the next phase of designs are created) so that the contractor is part of the design process. This approach allows the contractor to shape the design for cost considerations as we go, instead of coming in after the designs are done and changing everything. So extra effort now to line up our contractors will pay dividends later when we can quickly move from design into the construction phase, which is still planned to begin in late October 2020.

The current phase is slow because getting bids takes time. First, our architects communicate the type of work we need, then the contractors decide what their cost would be for the work. This can require some back-and-forth discussions. Once the bids are in place, we can choose the best option. Although this will usually be the lowest price, there are some factors that could cause us to choose a different bid—such as experience and quality. We are also finding that the C-U construction boom is working against us, because companies are busy with lots of other work. Some contractors are choosing not to bid on our work at all, so more effort is required to contact additional groups.

The Board of Trustees is playing its important role by reviewing and approving the appropriate agreements. Meanwhile, the Renovation Committee will continue to push the process along and review the contractor bids.

Green Team Tip

If you have cartons and packing material around the home, you might likely flatten the cartons to put with your recycle. Another approach is to keep in mind that they accept clean cartons and packing material at CU Pack "N" Ship, 2206 W. Springfield, Champaign. They do not pay for used cartons and packing materials, but will accept these (including clean polystyrene packing peanuts, which cannot be recycled). They will reuse the packing materials for packages they ship, and you can purchase new and used cartons there, a great way to support reuse of materials.

Birthday & Anniversary Blessings

If you celebrate a birthday or anniversary in January, please join us at our services on Friday, January 10th. 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!
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Carl & Carol Belber, in memory of Loretta Dessen, in memory of John Boby, and in honor of Reva & Bill Egherman’s 60th wedding anniversary
Bill & Reva Egherman, wishing Kathy Douglas a full recovery
Ann Einhorn
Elaine Katz, in honor of Deborah Katz-Downie’s birthday
Veronica Shavitt, in memory of Michael Neuwirth
Myron & Sonya Sholem, in memory of William H. Sholem, in memory of Bessie Siegel, in memory of Ruth B. Ades, and in memory of Leon M. Ades
William & Fran Strauss

HIGH HOLY DAYS
Lynn & Finny Aronson, in honor our daughter, Lauren Aronson’s high holiday aliyah. We were happy to attend Yom Kippur services in Champaign.
Carmel & Inbal Elazar
Russell & Denise Myers

LIBRARY
Henrietta Schwartz and Sue Brim, in memory of Israel Schwartz
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-November and mid-December. Donations received after this date will be acknowledged in future Bulletins.
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SINAI TEMPLE NOVEMBER 2019 BOARD MEETING

✦ The Board is delighted to welcome several new Temple Sinai members: Stacy Gloss, Susan and Michael Roughton, and Amy O’Dell and Lee DeVille. Please welcome all of them to our community.

✦ Religious education continues to excel. The students across all grades are enjoying and learning much from their outstanding teachers. Parents, teachers, students and families in the community join together each Sunday and spend quality time together.

✦ The board discussed upcoming renovations and plans by the architects, including the signing of a contract with the architects to begin official renovation processes and plans.

SINAI TEMPLE DECEMBER 2019 BOARD MEETING

✦ The Board approved the down payment to the Landau-Zinder architecture firm after the contract was reviewed.

✦ The Personnel Committee was reconstituted with Lil Levant as chair.

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