

WELCOME TO
September
2020



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Selichot

Sat, Sep 12 7:30 PM Selichot Service and Program

Wed, Sept 16 10:00 AM Mt. Hope Cemetery Visit and Memorial Service

Rosh Hashanah

Fri, Sep 18 7:30 PM Erev Rosh Hashanah Service

Sat, Sep 19 9:00 AM 1st Day - Egalitarian Traditional Minyan Service

10:00 AM Reform Service

2:30 PM Children & Family Service

5:00 PM Tashlich at Maynard Lake (*access lake between 1846 & 1850 Maynard Dr.*)

Sun, Sep 20 9:00 AM 2nd Day - Egalitarian Traditional Minyan Service

Hear the Shofar—Details to follow

Yom Kippur

Sun, Sep 27 6:00 PM Egalitarian Traditional Minyan Kol Nidre Service

7:30 PM Erev Yom Kippur (Kol Nidre) Reform Service

Mon, Sep 28 9:00 AM Egalitarian Traditional Minyan Service w/Yizkor

10:00 AM Reform Morning Service

1:30 PM Yom Kippur Study Session (Join Rabbi Toby Manewith, a Jewish educator and curriculum expert from Chicago, in looking at texts about both capriciousness and responsibility as they relate to judgement.)

2:30 PM Children and Family Service

4:00 PM Reform Neilah and Yizkor

5:00 PM Egalitarian Traditional Minyan Mincha and Neilah

Bulletin Submission: The deadline for **October Bulletin** is **September 15th**. All submissions may be edited for length and content. **EMAIL submissions to:** [Kathy Douglas, stoffice@sinaitemplecu.org](mailto:stoffice@sinaitemplecu.org).

From Rabbi Alan Cook's Desk



What's on my mind this month?

Certainly, the approaching High Holidays are prominent in my thoughts and my preparations these days. We all know that our High Holiday services and programming are going to look significantly different this year because of measures that we are taking in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Rabbi Jody and I have been working with a number of others

in order to ensure that we can provide the same level of uplifting and enriching experiences to which we are accustomed, even as these experiences shift to a largely virtual platform. Elsewhere in this bulletin, you'll find Sinai Temple's High Holiday guide, which provides details (including Zoom links) about each of our offerings. Please take note of the programming that will be of the greatest interest to you and your family, and make plans to participate.

It is undeniable that connecting with services via Zoom will provide a much different experience than being in our sanctuary or chapel with friends and loved ones, yet we know that our community will continue to support and embrace one another even as we are physically separated. Included with the High Holiday information in this bulletin, you'll find suggestions for creating a meaningful sacred space within your home, from which you may choose to experience services and programs. The High Holidays call on us to undergo a bit of personal transformation to prepare ourselves for the year ahead, and transforming our environment may be meaningful as we engage in this task.

Chagei Tishrei, the holidays that fall within the Hebrew month of Tishrei (Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Sukkot, and Shemini Atzeret/ Simchat Torah) collectively invite us to enter the new year with increased awe and heightened attentiveness. Individually,

they carry their own themes as well: the sweetness of Rosh Hashanah; the somber awe and reflection of Yom Kippur; the connection to the past evoked by Sukkot; and the joyous celebration of Shemini Atzeret/ Simchat Torah. May each of these moments bless us with insight and inspiration, as we look forward to the promise and potential of this New Year.

The year 5781 can be written with the Hebrew characters *tav*, *shin*, *pay*, and *alef*. Together, these letters spell the word *t'sha'ef*, "aspire!" Toward what will we aspire in the coming year? Let us aspire to holiness. Let us aspire to display warmth and *menschlikeit* toward others. Let us aspire to do our part in *tikkun olam*, bettering the world through deeds of social justice. Let us aspire to create a world of opportunity and equality for all. Let us aspire to doing our part to flattening the curve and work for the health of our community.

From the entire Cook family, a *Shana Tovah U'M'Tukah*, a sweet and healthy New Year!

L'Shalom,

Rabbi Alan Cook

Welcome to Sinai Temple

Justin Aronoff & Christy Harms-Aronoff



From President Jacob Sosnoff

Dear Friends,

I hope your summer ended well and you and yours are staying safe and well. It is hard to believe that summer is nearly over, but despite my disbelief, the yearly transition to the fall has already begun. The migration of students to the University has taken place and classes have begun – in some format or another. Most of the local schools started this week with the vast majority utilizing remote instruction. It will be a fall like no other – but I am confident that we will learn a lot. I am looking forward to seeing the innovation and growth that blossoms from these challenging times.

The religious school continues to innovate. Rabbi Jody, with the guidance of the religious education committee, has adopted a new curriculum specifically designed by Jewish education experts to be delivered remotely. The curriculum is flexible so that we can add our own Sinai Temple flavor and will include a health and wellness focus. Rabbi Jody has continued to advocate that these challenging times offer numerous opportunities for Jewish learning and insights. We are fortunate to have such a dedicated educator leading our religious school.

I have had the pleasure to “virtually” attend several B’nai mitzvahs these last few weeks. I have been impressed by the wonderful job that the students did in leading wonderful and meaningful services. Not only did the B’nai Mitzvah ceremonies showcase each student’s individual and unique talents, but they also highlighted the creative ways families and our community have come together in these challenging times. It was a delight to see face masks that matched with Yarmulkes, along with dancing and celebrating in numerous fashions. I especially have enjoyed seeing how extended families from across the nation and globe were able to be involved in the B’nai Mitzvah celebrations.

The Yesod LeAtid renovation project continues to move forward, as Sanford Hess points out in his update. The architects are working with the general contractor to provide a more detailed cost estimate for the various aspects of the renovation. In the near future, the board of trustees will be making a decision about the final budget of the project. If you have not yet made a pledge to the renovation, please contact Wynne Korr, the chair of development committee, to work out details.

Lastly, I want to remind everyone that our High Holiday services will be virtual this year. Even with our virtual format we will have Cantor Seeger lead us in joyous song again this year. The temple has made investments in a digital prayer book to facilitate the Reform services. This is an updated version of the prayer book that we have used for the last several years. If you would like a physical prayer book during the services, you can order one from the publisher at a discount. The Egalitarian Traditional Minyan is working on the format of the ETM virtual offerings. Again, the plan is that the

liturgy will be available electronically; the Conservative movement is also discounting physical copies of the *machzor* if you prefer to have your own.

Rabbi Alan is organizing a tech squad who can help members overcome technology barriers so that everyone can enjoy our virtual celebrations. Please contact the Temple office at stoffice@sinaitemplecu.org if you have experience navigating Zoom and are willing to do a *mitzvah*. Similarly, if you will need any support for connecting to Zoom, please let us know and we will connect you with a mentor who can guide you through the process. I am looking forward to “seeing” everyone at services in a few weeks. Bee (that is a hint) on the lookout for a High Holiday gift from Sinai Temple and be prepared for a sweet new year.

As the temple deals with the challenges imposed by COVID-19, I am glad that we have such a dedicated staff, rabbi, educator and congregation. I continue to be grateful and appreciative of all the hard work and tough decisions that the various committees and board continue to make. I truly feel fortunate to belong to such a wonderful congregation.

Stay safe and be well,

Jake

SINAI TEMPLE AUGUST 2020 BOARD MEETING

Learning and classes through the Religious School will continue virtually given health and safety concerns due to COVID-19. Rabbi Jody has done a fantastic job over the summer engaging Temple youth with various social and religious educational programs, and she is actively working on curricula for the fall to maintain high level religious school engagement.

As the Covid-19 pandemic continues, the Board, via consultation from the Return to the Building committee, has discussed ways to keep Temple community members and staff safe. All who come into Temple need to wear a mask, maintain social distance, and wipe down high-touch surfaces.

The Board as well as the Finance Committee continue to regularly monitor the Temple’s financial situation given broad economic concerns in the country due to the pandemic. Presently, the Temple is doing well financially, although it is recognized that there are many uncertainties ahead.

Plans for the Renovation continue to go well. The Renovation Committee will soon be asking the Board to make major decisions about the Temple renovation, including the library and area around the front door.

Announcements

Monday, September 7, 9–Noon



We will be cleaning up our grounds using face coverings and social distancing

All ages and abilities are welcome to join. We will have minor physical outdoor tasks such as pruning bushes and trees, planting flowers, etc. (nothing labor intensive).

SINAI TEMPLE RECYCLING COLLECTION

During Labor of Love
September 7th, 9:00am - 12:00pm

Bring the following items to Labor of Love for FREE recycling
Last chance until after the temple construction is complete

STYROFOAM

any clean polystyrene

PERSONAL CARE PRODUCTS

any personal care packaging, caps, and tubes that are not accepted by your curbside pickup, including: toothbrushes, toothpaste tubes/caps, deodorant containers/caps, soap packaging, floss containers, disposable razors and blades, shaving/razor packaging

OFFICE SUPPLIES

any broken or unusable office supplies, including: pens, markers, tape dispensers, desk organizers, card/document filers, binders, calendars, labels/label sheet backing, paper cutters, correction supplies, paper clips, staples, binder clips etc.

BABY FOOD PACKAGING (POUCHES!)

any baby food packaging including plastic pouches!

For all items, please remove excess produce and allow to dry

Please do not bring items that can be recycled in your curbside recycling pick-up or at the grocery store (this includes cardboard, magazines, newspaper, office paper, #1-#7 plastic bottles, cans, aluminum foil, glass, and grocery bags)

QUESTIONS? Email berksonalice@gmail.com

Sinai Temple Gift Shop

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

The Gift Shop is now open by appointment only. Please contact Jessica Koplow to schedule an appointment.

**THE HOLIDAYS ARE COMING
ORDER YOUR LULAV AND ETROG
FOR SUKKOT TODAY!**

Order your Lulav and Etrog through the Gift Shop. All sets are kosher and include the Etrog, Lulav, Myrtles, Willows, and a Lulav bag.

Standard Set: \$40

Deluxe Set: \$60

Superior Set: \$70

Prices include shipping

**Orders with payment must be received by
SEPTEMBER 2ND. (This is a firm deadline)**

Please email your orders to:

Jessicakoplow@yahoo.com; indicate payment type. Checks should be made payable to "Sinai Temple Gift Shop" and mailed to Jessica at 2901 Rolling Acres Dr, Champaign, IL, 61822.

Please email the Jessica or contact

Her at 217-417-8699 to arrange for credit card payment.

2020 Mah Jongg Cards



If you forgot to order one or need an extra one, we have a few extra 2020 Mah Jongg cards for sale. The cost is \$8 per card. If you're interested, please contact Natalie Frankenberg (nataliefr@comcast.net)

Announcements



BOOK GROUP

The Book Group usually meets the third Monday of the month at 7:30 PM.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic we will be meeting via Zoom until it is again safe to meet in person. An email with the Zoom link will be sent the morning of the meeting. If you wish to participate, and are not a regular book group attendee, please email nataliefr@comcast.net

Contact Person: Susan Schomer (359-2938).

September 21: The Other Einstein by Marie Benedict

GENTLE CHAIR YOGA

ONLINE: Tuesdays and Saturdays 9:30 AM

For those who would like to do chair yoga, online, with Robin, while in your home, please contact her at robinfans1@gmail.com.

She is leading two classes, on Tuesdays and Saturdays at 9:30 through the Zoom website or app.



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Foundation for the Future

The Sinai Renovation Committee (SRC) has been meeting with the architects and general contractor on a biweekly basis, with additional meetings on topics like audio-visual components, heating and cooling, and construction strategy. The architect has completed a first set of drawings, which were shared with the general contractor for cost estimation, so that the Board can make final decisions about the scope of the work. Those decisions will turn into construction drawings in September, the final phase which are then sent to the city for approval and permits. At this point, we're still targeting to start construction at the end of October.

We learned that construction in town has slowed significantly - so a small silver lining to the pandemic is that we hope to see more companies bidding on the trades construction work (plumbing, electrical, mechanical) that will not be done by the general contractor. At this point, anything that keeps costs down means that more can be achieved. Some final decisions about finishes and furniture are still being made, and the SRC is conscious that each decision has cost impacts on the final project. The good news has been a surprising amount of consensus among the Design Team!

Renovation Committee Chair Sanford Hess

Development Committee

You know from Sanford's update that the renovation is moving closer and closer.

As we build our Foundation for the Future that includes ceilings, doors, windows, furniture and more, our shul has been building an impressive foundation for the future in our outstanding young people. After I participated in the services with our two most recent b'nai mitzvah, I knew I had to recognize them and their peers and their teachers. I just increased my pledge to the Yesod L'Atid campaign.

Perhaps you can find your inspiration for increasing your pledge.

Shanah tovah,

Wynne Korr

Chair, Development Committee



Giving for August

BUILDING FUND

Abraham & Marcia Akresh, in honor of our grandson, Ezra Joseph Akresh on the occasion of his becoming Bar Mitzvah

Paul & Celia Arnold
Allison Bernstein & Andrew Garin
Andrew & Tamarra Bernstein
Joyce Nagel Eisenstein
Mitch & Kim Fisher
Arne Fliflet & Deborah Levin Fliflet
Marshall & Karen Garrick
William & Phyllis Gingold
Jeffrey & Carmen Glezer
Bart & Pamela Greenberger
Michael & Peggy Grossman
Stephen & Anita Hamberg
Frances & Mitchell Harris
James & Karin Imlay
Charles Kahn & Jennie France
Lyle Konigsberg & Susan Frankenberg
Charles & Joan Kozoll
Faye Lesht & Joyce Meyer
Ronald Levy
Robert & Sondra Libman
Daniel & Eileen Lichtblau
Leslie & Gary Mason
Barbara Nelson
David Scherba & Rebecca Swartz
Gary & Beth Slotnick
Marc & Avigail Snir
Emily Stone & Chris Napolitano
Judith & Steve Ullom
Ruth Youngerman
William Youngerman

GENERAL FUND

Annette & John Buckmaster, in memory of Bernice Weinstein
Ann Einhorn, in memory of Vera Korry
Julia Kling, in memory of Lotta Kling
Richard Pikowsky, in memory of Harry Pikowsky

KITCHEN/ONEG FUND

Paul & Celia Arnold
Allison Bernstein & Andrew Garin
Andrew & Tamarra Bernstein
Joyce Nagel Eisenstein
Mitch & Kim Fisher
Arne Fliflet & Deborah Levin Fliflet
William & Phyllis Gingold
Jeffrey & Carmen Glezer
Michael & Peggy Grossman
Frances & Mitchell Harris
James & Karin Imlay
Charles Kahn & Jennie France
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Judith & Steve Ullom

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Debra & David Domal, for Senior Fund
Faye Lesht & Joyce Meyer, In appreciation of Rabbi Alan and his leadership at this time

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FUND

Faye Lesht & Joyce Meyer, In appreciation of Rabbi Jody and her leadership at this time

SECURITY FUND

Paul & Celia Arnold
Allison Bernstein & Andrew Garin
Andrew & Tamarra Bernstein
Joyce Nagel Eisenstein
Mitch & Kim Fisher
Arne Fliflet & Deborah Levin Fliflet
Marshall & Karen Garrick
William & Phyllis Gingold
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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.

Memorials for September



Friday, September 4

Annette Bernstein (9 Sep)	Albert Abraham Liebovich (10 Sep)
John Boby (6 Sep)	Blanche Loeb (8 Sep)
Jorge Covarrubias (11 Sep)	Rachel Loeb (10 Sep)
Dorothy Ferrer (20 Elu)	Samuel Slutsky (11 Sep)
Jana Katz (8 Sep)	Sarah Spitzer (11 Sep)
William Konick (10 Sep)	Rachel Towlen (9 Sep)
Jerry Levant (8 Sep)	
Abraham Levy (11 Sep)	

Friday, September 11

Alejandro Victor Medina Abulafia (16 Sep)	Leonard Heumann (13 Sep)	Anna Ruth Steigmann (18 Sep)
Carrie Wiener Adler (15 Sep)	Abe Leavitt (14 Sep)	
Daniel K. Bloomfield (12 Sep)	Abaraham Mizrachi (14 Sep)	
Gloria Liss Bortman (18 Sep)	Jack H. Nessel (12 Sep)	
Curtis Coyle (12 Sep)	Dorothy Selicovitz Novick (15 Sep)	
Jerome Ex (12 Sep)	Leonard Ross (15 Sep)	
Steven Gingold (18 Sep)	Wolf Shklair (26 Elu)	
Pauline Gitler (18 Sep)	Jean Siegel (15 Sep)	
	Ruth Siegle (25 Elu)	

Friday, September 18

Shirley Silver Berenbaum (25 Sep)	Dorothy Katz (1 Tis)	Joel Serlin (21 Sep)
Lucille J. Birkett (24 Sep)	Marvin N. Lesht (5 Tis)	Rachel Sitron (24 Sep)
Florence Braverman (4 Tis)	Penny Elizabeth Magence-Ginsberg (20 Sep)	Marcia Robin Taylor (6 Tis)
Donald Brieland (2 Tis)	Zelda Hamburg Maus (19 Sep)	Annette Winakor (23 Sep)
Ralph L. Dietchweiler (25 Sep)	Elsie Mautner (23 Sep)	
Marion G. Eskow (23 Sep)	Sol Orden (20 Sep)	
Bertha Freudenstein (19 Sep)	Louis Roddis (7 Tis)	
Beatrice Herman (5 Tis)	Rose Rubinstein (19 Sep)	

Friday, September 25

Solomon Bernstein Cohen (29 Sep)	Esther Solomon (28 Sep)
Alvin Friedman (13 Tis)	David L. Stone (1 Oct)
Sol Goldberg (27 Sep)	Baruch Yairi (10 Tis)
Ann Braun Goldfein (30 Sep)	
Shirley Zibel Gunther (2 Oct)	
Becky S. Kozoll (30 Sep)	
Allan Levy (29 Sep)	
Sandra Lipson (1 Oct)	
Ronald Senoff (12 Tis)	

Friday, October 2

Jerome Aprill (3 Oct)	Estelle Langendorf (3 Oct)	Abraham Simon (7 Oct)
Dr Richard Back (5 Oct)	Isadore Jack Levy (7 Oct)	William Martin Youngerman (8 Oct)
Mathilde Back (5 Oct)	Dorothy Lowenstein (5 Oct)	
Fela Bankier (5 Oct)	Mortimer Merkel (4 Oct)	
Sali Wintner Blum (3 Oct)	Leah Norian (7 Oct)	
Hormozd Gahvari (3 Oct)	Emily Sara Peterman (6 Oct)	
Lewis Ginsberg (3 Oct)	Charles S. Prince (8 Oct)	
Merle Garber Hamburg (6 Oct)	Norma Rosenberg (5 Oct)	
Jeffrey Paul Kaufman (17 Tis)	Ceil Rubinstein (3 Oct)	
Max Kushner (8 Oct)	Henry Sapoznik (7 Oct)	