

## Schedule of Services

### FRIDAY, APRIL 2

5:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service

### SUNDAY, APRIL 4

10:00 AM Egalitarian Minyan Service, Pesach 8th Day

### FRIDAY, APRIL 9

7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service (See Scholar in Residence schedule to the right.)

### SUNDAY, APRIL 11

1:00 PM Yom HaShoah Service (See Scholar in Residence schedule to the right.)

### FRIDAY, APRIL 16

6:30 PM Shabbat Rocks!/Next Dor  
7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service

### SUNDAY, APRIL 19

10:30 AM Yom HaShoah Service

### FRIDAY, APRIL 23

7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service

### FRIDAY, APRIL 30

6:15 PM Erev Shabbat Service, Lag B'Omer (See Lag B'Omer information to the right.)

### Yom Hazikaron (Israel Memorial Day), April 14 and Yom HaAtzmaut (Israel Independence Day), April 15

Check the weekly email blast for further information.

Join us for  
Shabbat.



### Scholar in Residence

April 9—11, 2021

Sinai Temple is pleased to welcome Rabbi Mark Glickman as a scholar-in-residence the weekend of April 9-11. Rabbi Glickman is currently the spiritual leader of Temple B'nai Tikvah in Calgary, Alberta. He is the author of *Sacred Treasure: The Cairo Genizah* and *Stolen Words: The Nazi Plunder of Jewish Books*. He is an entertaining and engaging speaker with many fascinating stories to share.

Rabbi Glickman will be with us on **Friday evening, April 9**, speaking at our **7:30 PM** Shabbat service. Regular Shabbat service link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86158547545>

On **Saturday, April 10, at 7:30 PM**, Rabbi Glickman will offer a talk and multi-media presentation on his book *Sacred Treasure* about the documents contained in the Cairo Genizah. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82199327046>

On **Sunday, April 11, at 1 PM**, as part of the community program to observe Yom HaShoah, Rabbi Glickman will speak on his book *Stolen Words* about the Nazi campaign to plunder sacred Jewish books. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86911418540>

The password for all programs during this weekend will be **Torah613**.

### Lag B'Omer

April 30, 6:15PM

Lag B'Omer represents the thirty-third day of the counting of the omer, a process that helps to mark the days between the spring festivals of Passover and Shavuot. The period of the omer counting is traditionally very solemn, until the thirty-third day (abbreviated in Hebrew by the letters *lamed* and *gimmel*, pronounced "Lag"). Lag B'Omer is often celebrated with bonfires, concerts, and parties.

This year for Lag B'Omer we are honored to welcome back Jewish musician Alan Goodis, who will share his music with us as we host a number of other North American congregations for a special Lag B'Omer concert.

The event will take place on **Friday, April 30** beginning at **6:15 PM** with a special early Shabbat service. The concert will begin at **7 PM**. We ask that you please pre-register for the concert at <https://sinaicu.wufoo.com/forms/z6ej60x06v0w4p/> so that we can have a headcount of attendees.



## From Rabbi Alan Cook's Desk



There's a conceit introduced in the television series *The Good Place* that posits that time, at least in the "afterlife" setting of the show, moves not in a linear fashion, but in a "Jeremy Bearimy." That is, rather than one event following sequentially after the previous, time (and our perceptions thereof) makes loops and twists following the shape of a florid cursive writing of the nonsense name "Jeremy Bearimy." Sometimes it

loops back on itself, sometimes it gets stuck in the disjointed place represented by the dot on the "i" of "Bearimy." The illustration here shows how complex it can be.



A few weeks ago, we marked one full year since Sinai Temple last had a fully public gathering. On Purim 2020, we gathered for a delicious potluck dinner, a Purim shpiel, and a megillah reading. Perhaps that evening, we were a bit more conscious about cleaning our hands. Maybe we didn't shake hands, or hug quite as many people. But I think few of us truly understood what lay ahead. By that Friday, it had become clear that it was not advisable to gather for worship, so Larry Adelston, Andrea Klein, and I led worship from an otherwise empty sanctuary. By the following week, all of our programming had shifted online.

The time that has ensued has felt a bit like a Jeremy Bearimy. Sometimes it has proceeded smoothly. Sometimes we feel stuck. Sometimes it may feel that we are slipping backwards. But through it all, I have been struck by the passion and compassion of this holy and blessed community that we have created at Sinai Temple. Even in our physical "apart-ness," we have found models for togetherness. I won't enumerate all of them here, I'll merely note

how proud I am at our resilience as a community as we have continued to find ways to join in programming of a similar depth and breadth as that which we offered prior to the pandemic. We have striven to find ways to continue to rejoice with one another in times of *simcha* and to hold one another in times of pain and grief. It hasn't been perfect, it hasn't been the same, but I'd argue that it has still been richly meaningful.

And this "Jeremy Bearimy" timeframe in which we find ourselves as we cope with COVID-19 has also underscored for me, as I pray that it has for you, how vital Sinai Temple is to our community and to our individual well-being. What would pandemic life have been like without being able to worship together, rejoice together, educate ourselves and our children together, celebrate holidays together, etc.? For more than 115 years, Sinai Temple has been the key institution in the lives of Jews in East Central Illinois, and I am proud that we have continued to find creative ways to fill that role even in the unusual circumstances of this past year.

As you know, even as the pandemic has unfolded, so too have our plans for our Yesod LeAtid- Foundation for the Future renovation continued to move forward. When we do reconvene in person, we will enjoy a reimagined sacred space ready to mark meaningful Jewish moments for future generations. Tremendous gratitude is owed to those who have already generously supported this project; if you share in the vision of Sinai Temple's bright and vibrant future, if you also celebrate the centrality of our congregation in your family's life, I encourage you to contact me or a member of our development committee (ably chaired by Wynne Korr) to discuss how you can participate. Together, we will plan and build for tomorrow (or wherever the convoluted march of time may lead us).

L'Shalom,

Rabbi Alan Cook



Mazel tov to Chana Bursztyn on the birth of her granddaughter, Ariel Jordan Greenstone, on Erev Purim, February 25, 2021. Parents are Michael Greenstone and Hannah Auerbach.

Proud & ecstatic grandparents: Chana Bursztyn and David Green, Reva Auerbach and Myron Friedman, Alan Auerbach z"l, and uncle Dan Auerbach.

# Announcements

## GREEN TEAM TIP

This month we highlight online resources so you can keep current with initiatives in sustainability and stewardship.

Have you heard of Champaign County Climate Coalition - C4?

Individuals and representatives from several local organizations have this goal: Empower individuals and groups in Champaign County to create equity and resilience through education, relationship-building and responsive action to counter climate change.

See events posted at their Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/ChampaignCountyClimate>

Here's a website hosted by the University of Illinois Institute for Sustainability, Energy, and Environment

For information about iSEE research and events, go to [globalclimatechange.illinois.edu](http://globalclimatechange.illinois.edu)

## BOOK GROUP

**March 15, 2021**

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](mailto:nataliefr@comcast.net)

Contact Person: Susan Schomer (359-2938).

April 19: The Book of Lost Names by Kristin Harmel.  
Facilitator: Susan Schomer

## GENTLE CHAIR YOGA

For those who would like to do chair yoga, online, with Robin, while in your home, please contact her at [robinfans1@gmail.com](mailto:robinfans1@gmail.com). She is leading a class on Tuesdays at 9:30 through the Zoom website or app.

## Sinai Temple Board Meeting March 2021

Rabbi Alan reflected on changes in all of our lives in the last year since the pandemic began, and how the Torah portion at the end of Exodus focuses on people in a community gathering together—how hopefully we will be able to gather together in person again soon.

Updates were provided on the renovation. Workgroups have been formed and are discussing and making decisions on important aspects of the approved renovation project. Demolition has occurred for the older parts of the Temple that will be updated as part of the renovation. Finally, the Board voted on approving additional funds to update other aspects of the Temple that are not officially part of the renovation project, including painting and flooring for the library and Gift Shop.

Reports from key committees show the Temple's financial state is solid.

Nominations for the Board, including some leadership positions, will be needed to replace those members who are completing their service. Please contact President Jake Sosnoff if you are interested in serving.

Passover is coming soon, and there will be virtual Seders that Temple members can be part of and participate. There will be a virtual interfaith Seder as part of an Illinois interfaith conference.

# Yesod Le'Atid



## Renovation Committee

Since the demolition phase of the project, the SRC has been busy with many decisions. Most of these are related to the finishes and colors of surfaces, such as the ceramic stone that will cover the East wall. In many of these cases, these decisions are revisiting ones made during an earlier phase of the design. However, as the contractors were selected for this work, we must re-select from the options based on the type of materials selected. So it was with the stone... in an earlier phase we selected a shade of quarried stone, but cost constraints led us to consider other materials, where we had to select from their shades and tones. Similar decision-making is occurring as we finalize selections of flooring, wood, and even the exit signs.

Likewise, decision-making is occurring now for the sanctuary chairs, Levin lounge furniture, bimah furniture, and most importantly – the ark. In all of these cases, sub-groups of the SRC were created to focus on the design decisions. There's a lot to consider in every case, from look and feel down to price... and your SRC is taking all of these decisions seriously.

During April the construction phase will begin, starting with some of the underlying parts – like the structural steel that holds up the partition doors and the heating/cooling and electrical infrastructure. Look for ongoing photos on the Facebook page!

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## Sinai Temple Gift Shop

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

Even in the midst of construction and COVID, Sinai Temple Gift Shop is still here to serve all of your Judaica needs!

The Gift Shop is open by appointment only. Please contact Jessica Kopolow (417-8699) of [jessicakopolow@yahoo.com](mailto:jessicakopolow@yahoo.com) to schedule an appointment.

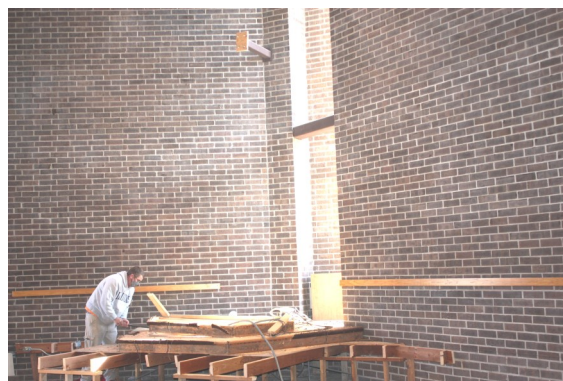
## Development Committee

Why am I still asking you for contributions? Because we need your support to do as much of our wish list as possible during the renovation.

As I write this, I've begun my pre-Passover preparations. This year my preparations included making my plan for charitable giving for the year. I hope your preparations include making a gift to Sinai Temple and the Yesod Le'Atid campaign.

Hag Sameach,

Wynne Korr



**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, [assistant@sinaitemplecu.org](mailto:assistant@sinaitemplecu.org).

# Giving

## **BUILDING FUND**

Anne Heiles  
Michael & Sheri Langendorf  
Paul & Linda Weichsel  
Amy Wolff & Aaron Smith

## **FRIENDS OF THE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL**

Stephen Downie & Deborah Katz-Downie  
Richard Pikowsky, in memory of Harry Pikowsky  
Gary & Fraeda Porton

## **GENERAL FUND**

Robert Greenstein, thank you for the yearzeit notifications  
Lilian Katz, in memory of Boris Katz  
Linda & Alan Kurtz, a big thanks to Joyce Eisenstein and the Temple for the fun filled Purim Basket  
Judy Lachman, in memory of Malcolm Lachman  
Richard & Susan Schneur, in memory of Sophia Lambert  
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 Solon Reyman, in memory of Ruth Tager and in memory of Stephen Tager  
Paul & Linda Weichsel, in memory of Sophia Lambert

## **KITCHEN/ONEG FUND**

Paul & Linda Weichsel  
Amy Wolff & Aaron Smith

## **LEWIS FAMILY FUND**

Myron & Sonya Sholem, in memory of Carl Greenstein

## **LIBRARY FUND**

Art & Marcia Siegel

## **MARTIN LUTHER KING FUND**

Richard Pikowsky, in memory of Harry Pikowsky

## **MUSIC FUND**

Anne Heiles, in memory of Mischa Mischakoff, in memory of Paul Mischakoff and in memory of Matthew Mischakoff

## **SECURITY FUND**

Anne Heiles  
Emily Levin  
Paul & Linda Weichsel  
Amy Wolff & Aaron Smith

## **YESOD LE'ATID**

Carl & Carol Belber  
Samuel & Judith Bernstein  
Alan & Lynne Grusby  
Anne Heiles  
Paula Kaufman  
Lilyan Levant  
Ira & Lynn Wachtel  
Barry & Linda Weiner

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.

# Memorials

<b>Friday, April 2</b>	<p>Jack Diamond ( 3 Apr)            Michael Faiman (24 Nis)            Barbara Ferdman ( 4 Apr)            Fay Ferrer (24 Nis)            Faye Garrick (24 Nis)            Joshua David Gottheil ( 4 Apr)            Adam Koslofsky ( 4 Apr)            Lena Loeb Kuhn ( 8 Apr)            Aaron Kurland ( 8 Apr)</p>	<p>Hermine Ruth Lachman ( 7 Apr)            Helaine Stone Lane ( 9 Apr)            Irma Lipson ( 4 Apr)            Abraham Loeb ( 4 Apr)            Woodrow Pearlman ( 6 Apr)            Selig Schwartz ( 9 Apr)            Nina Nelson Seidenberg ( 4 Apr)            Lenore Levy Simon ( 6 Apr)            Marcus Tager ( 4 Apr)</p>	
<b>Friday, April 9</b>	<p>Helen Gold Beller (10 Apr)            Misha Bursztyn ( 4 Iya)            Dorothy Diamond Ehrich ( 1 Iya)            Saerree K. Fiedler (14 Apr)            Wahei Fujimoto (29 Nis)            Benjamin Grossman (12 Apr)            Daniel Leon Harlib (29 Nis)            Donald Imlay (10 Apr)</p>	<p>Miriam B. Kaplan (16 Apr)            Edward R. Kerman (12 Apr)            Clara Koslofsky (16 Apr)            Florine Lesht (28 Nis)            Leonard D. Lewis (10 Apr)            Gary Lyon (16 Apr)            Ruth Marshak (12 Apr)            Mary Ann Nathan (29 Nis)</p>	<p>Ida Reider (30 Nis)            Amelia A. Reineberg (16 Apr)            Lee W. Reineberg (16 Apr)            Alex Rubin (14 Apr)            Gladys Singman (11 Apr)            Abraham Sitron (12 Apr)            Rose Weissler ( 4 Iya)</p>
<b>Friday, April 16</b>	<p>Joel Lee Agran (21 Apr)            Henrietta N. Bloomfield ( 5 Iya)            Leah Cohen Bojar ( 7 Iya)            Evelyn Nelson Bros (21 Apr)            Hannah Choldin (21 Apr)            Louis Cutler (19 Apr)            Della Faiman ( 9 Iya)            Herbert E. Francisco ( 8 Iya)</p>	<p>Lillian Gingold (22 Apr)            Fred Gottheil (19 Apr)            Alvin Hamburg (19 Apr)            Sarah Gofseyeff Heller ( 6 Iya)            Sidney Kadish (20 Apr)            Dorothy Evelyn Pollard Liebovich (22 Apr)            Rose Maus (18 Apr)            Natalie M. Smith (21 Apr)</p>	<p>Joyce Snyder (23 Apr)            Gertrude Katz Tax (21 Apr)            Beatrice R. Tepper (21 Apr)            David Uzrad ( 5 Iya)            Rose Weissman (19 Apr)</p>
<b>Friday, April 23</b>	<p>Leon M. Ades (25 Apr)            Samuel Adleman (30 Apr)            Molly Belber (26 Apr)            Frank A. Berg (27 Apr)            Edward Israel Blum (29 Apr)            Isidore Brill (29 Apr)            Bertha Rabinowitz Diness (30 Apr)            Agha-Jan Gahvari (13 Iya)            Alfred Kohn (28 Apr)</p>	<p>Celia Berman Kulwin (30 Apr)            Lewis Lasker (26 Apr)            Samuel Lenik (15 Iya)            Mathilde Loeb (24 Apr)            Ethel Uritz Marcus (29 Apr)            Ida Levine Markoff (30 Apr)            Jacob Royce Nathan (13 Iya)            Kenneth H. Ober (26 Apr)            Herbert Rubinstein (29 Apr)</p>	
<b>Friday, April 30</b>	<p>Laura Moore Avner ( 4 May)            Bertha Craven ( 5 May)            Beverly J. Cronin ( 4 May)            Carolyn Kuhn Feffer ( 7 May)            Abraham Gerald Ginsberg ( 5 May)            Donald M. Ginsberg ( 7 May)            Abraham Goldberg ( 6 May)            William Arthur Graff ( 6 May)            Philip Horwitz ( 3 May)</p>	<p>Raisa Ionina ( 1 May)            Blair Bernard Kling ( 2 May)            Simon Litman ( 7 May)</p>	

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.