

Schedule of Services

FRIDAY, JUNE 4

7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service

SATURDAY, JUNE 5

10:00 AM Egalitarian Traditional Minyan

FRIDAY, JUNE 11

7:30 PM Erev Shabbat

FRIDAY, JUNE 18

6:30 PM Shabbat Rocks!/Next Dor

7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service

FRIDAY, JUNE 25

7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service

SATURDAY, JUNE 26

10:00 AM Egalitarian Traditional Minyan

Schedule of Services

FRIDAY, JULY 2

7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service

SATURDAY, JULY 3

10:00 AM Logan Kurtz Bar Mitzvah

FRIDAY, JULY 9

7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service

FRIDAY, JULY 16

6:30 PM Shabbat Rocks!/Next Dor

7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service

SATURDAY, JULY 17

10:00 AM Egalitarian Traditional Minyan

FRIDAY, July 23

7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service

FRIDAY, July 30

7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service



Logan Kurtz

Logan turns 13 July 1st and is being called to Torah on July 3rd. He has enjoyed this past year of Hebrew tutoring, meetings, and classes. He is excited for the celebration with family and friends. Logan will be in 8th grade in the Fall attending Tuscola East Prairie. He enjoys basketball, baseball, track, and any other competitive sport to come along. He continues to be a Honor Roll student. Logan is smart, outgoing, helpful, thoughtful and confident. During COVID Bar Mitzvah time, each month was a different mitzvah; Logan's favorite mitzvah of the year was making fleece tie blankets for a senior dog rescue in Florida. These senior dogs have medical issues and are rescued from kill shelters in their last years of life.



Bar Mitzvah

From Rabbi Alan Cook's Desk



As I enter my eighth year with Sinai Temple, I continue to be proud and humbled to be part of this wonderful community. Though university communities are inherently somewhat transient, our congregation has developed a “flavor” and a rhythm that allows us to welcome newcomers with open

arms, and incorporate them into the culture of our congregation. As a “family of families,” we’ve also found that those who move away geographically are not truly distant from us—many of our “alumni” continue to follow Sinai Temple activities on social media or the website, and our online services over the past year have even allowed our friends who are not local to CU to engage with our worship and programming from afar.

Even as the pandemic has limited our gatherings to Zoom, we have welcomed new families and individuals to Sinai Temple. Some of those who have joined us in the past 15 months or so have never set foot inside our building, and may never have met any other members of the congregation in person! If you are among the ranks of these new faces, we welcome you heartily, and thank you for your embrace of our community.

As you have hopefully seen in communication from the Temple, we are beginning to make our way back to in-person programming opportunities. Please see elsewhere in this newsletter for our return-to-building protocols at the time of publication, or check the Temple website or Facebook page for the most up-to-date guidelines. These efforts, combined with the ongoing exciting work on our Yesod LeAtid- Foundation for Our Future Renovation

Project, are preparing Sinai Temple for a bright and vibrant future.

As we are coming back together, I’d like to invite you to engage in an exercise designed to recapture and build upon the cherished sense of community that is a hallmark of Sinai Temple. Whether you attend programs in person, or continue to connect via Zoom, I encourage you to make the effort to greet and find out about someone who is not yet familiar to you. Maybe you’ve met them before, but you don’t feel you know them well. Maybe you are strangers to one another. All of us will have at least one thing in common: for at least that one hour of a service or a program, we have decided that engaging with Sinai Temple is the most important thing on our agenda.

So let’s make an effort this summer (and moving forward) to find out one another’s “Sinai Stories.” What brings you to Sinai Temple? What is your favorite thing about this community? How long have you been at Sinai? What avenues of Temple life give you a sense of meaning?

Our Temple is blessed by the presence and participation of each of its members. The more we know one another, the richer and stronger we become as a community, and as a family.

L’Shalom,

Rabbi Alan Cook

Mazel Tov!

Mazel Tov to Daniel Robinson, son of Julia and Gene Robinson, on his graduation from The University of Texas School of Law

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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 have been meeting via Zoom. We hope to resume meeting in person beginning in June. If you wish to participate, and are not a regular book group attendee, please email nataliefr@comcast.net

Contact Person: Susan Schomer (359-2938).

June 21: Eight Perfect Murders by Peter Swanson.

Facilitator: Sandy Hynds

July 19: The Dutch House by Ann Patchett. Facilitator: Joyce Francisco

GENTLE CHAIR YOGA

Tuesdays at 9:30 AM - ONLINE

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

GIFT SHOP

The Gift Shop is open by appointment only. Please contact Jessica Kopolow at 217-417-8699 or jessicakopolow@yahoo.com



PLEDGE REMINDER

As the 2020-21 Fiscal Year is coming to a close, we would like to remind those with outstanding pledges that they are **due by June 30th**. Feel free to contact Kathy in the Temple Office for balances: 217-352-8140 or stoffice@sinaitemplecu.org.



During May, the construction moved forward in small subsets of the work, all of which will be critical for a later phase. For example, workers have prepped the east wall of the sanctuary for the stone covering that will be laid over in the future. (At some point... we're dependent on when the stone is delivered!) Another small step was that a large hole was cut into the "closet" that existed on the West wall, between the two pods. This space formerly held the sound system (and some ducts that apparently were not in use any longer) and will now be used to hide the partition between the pods when it's not extended. Another step for the operable partitions was adding two large steel beams to better support the partitions, and two pockets to hold the panels when the sanctuary is opened to the pods.

Indirectly related to the sanctuary renovations, but also important, new security and fire alarm systems were installed as well as the video surveillance system. All of this work was paid for by the Homeland Security Grant, and we have Art Siegel, Jake Sosnoff, Julia Rietz, and Rabbi Alan to thank for the funds we received towards those improvements.

Many other components of the work are currently being fabricated or assembled. As the summer moves along it will be exciting when different parts start arriving to be installed!

A final note – to create the large new windows on the north and south walls, masons removed a number of bricks, and we are making a limited number available as souvenirs! To purchase your own commemorative brick, with certificate of authenticity, please contact the Sinai Temple office. Bricks are \$36 each, and there is a limit of 3 per household.

The Green Team *BRINGS THE GREEN TO SINAI TEMPLE*



On Monday, June 7, several native species trees will be planted on the Temple's grounds. The trees were made available through a \$4,000 grant from Faith in Place. There are benefits to planting native species which includes: Less effort and resources are needed to maintain, a closer connection to nature (Native flora works in harmony with nature by fully integrating into their surroundings and establishing relationships with other local plants and animals they evolved with, creating a true web of life), native species have adapted to the local climate and soil conditions, and many native plants have extensive root systems that create natural channels to help keep the soil loose and improve infiltration by slowing water runoff.



The actual time for the plantings has yet to be determined – but should take most of the day. So plan to stop by and learn about how native tree species can help improve the environment and how to properly plant a tree.

Trees are one of the most recognizable symbols in Judaism. In addition to the Tree of Life (symbolizing the Torah and our ancestry), we know of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil (from the story of Adam and Eve), the Burning Bush (Moses' encounter with God) and the Olive branch (Noah's Ark) – just to name a few. On June 7th, throughout the day, you should come to Sinai Temple to participate in the tree planting that will enhance our space and be part of repairing our world. When you come, follow the TextWalk and read passages about aytzim (trees) and the environment. There will also be opportunities to make homemade seed paper with wildflower seeds that you can plant. The TextWalk will be open all day for your convenience. Paper making will be set up at 10:00, 2:00 and 5:00 and takes approximately 30 minutes. Timing will depend on the number of people at each session. It is a great project – suitable for any age. We will have plenty available, but if you have paper (construction or printer type paper) to recycle, please bring it to Sinai Temple so we can use it for paper making.

Sinai Temple Board Meeting May 2021

Rabbi Alan and President Sosnoff thanked outgoing Board members and officers for their service.

The Board discussed policies and procedures for how Temple members can congregate in person safely. A plan was passed that allows for outdoor gatherings and some indoors up to certain limits. Particular procedures will be shared so all Temple community members know and are aware of the policies; these guidelines will likely change and be updated as public health policies are dynamically revised.

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

The Board discussed the budget plans for next year, and passed the motion to present the budget to the Temple for official approval.

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memory of Jesse Belber, in memory of Lillian
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of Samuel Agran, in memory of Malka Agran and in
memory of Joel Agran
Andrew & Tamarra Bernstein
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Elain Katz, in honor of Stephen Downie and Deborah
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Lilyan Levant
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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.

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

Memorials for June

Friday, June 4

Solomon Alpiner (10 Jun)
Elaine Sweital Avner (10 Jun)
Celia Blockman (10 Jun)
Irvin Bloom (9 Jun)
Naomi Dietchweiler (8 Jun)
Helene Dikelsky (25 Siv)
Ronald David Gersten (28 Siv)
Judit Isa Halberstam (10 Jun)
Robert L. Harris (11 Jun)
Irving Kohen (9 Jun)

Alvin Konick (5 Jun)
Judy Levin (11 Jun)
Adele G. Libman (8 Jun)
Ida Libman (5 Jun)
Rose Linowes (1 Tam)
Molly Mayorwitz (6 Jun)
Alfred Smith (6 Jun)
Frederick Sosnoff (9 Jun)
Walter W. Stern (10 Jun)

Rosalia Blumenfeld Fagan Treuman
(8 Jun)
Lynn Lazarus Weisskopf (8 Jun)

Friday, June 11

Nita Aprill (13 Jun)
Dorothy Bauer (13 Jun)
Donald Brotherson (15 Jun)
Hyman Diness (12 Jun)
David Garrick (7 Tam)
Linda B. Harris Hanau (15 Jun)
Manfred Isserman (18 Jun)
Dorothy Krakower (2 Tam)
Phoebe S. Libman (15 Jun)
Arthur Mayorwitz (15 Jun)

Lawrence J. Pass (15 Jun)
Rose Wolf Rotman (7 Tam)
Louis M. Schutz (14 Jun)
Harry Siegal (15 Jun)
Harry Sudman (17 Jun)
Myron C. Topson (12 Jun)
Murray Trupin (14 Jun)
Edward Weinberger (6 Tam)

Friday, June 18

Paul Bercovitz (10 Tam)
Sumner Thurman Bernstein (23 Jun)
Milton Bruner (24 Jun)
Hersz Yidl Bursztyn (12 Tam)
Rose Adler Einhorn (11 Tam)
Millard Freudenstein (25 Jun)
Maurice J. Ginsberg (23 Jun)
Rubin Hamburg (25 Jun)
Lauren Beth Katz (13 Tam)
Leon Korr (14 Tam)

Dora Lovett Lapedes (19 Jun)
Rhoda Solomon Levant (25 Jun)
Ellis Lipson (22 Jun)
Herman Mautner (22 Jun)
Harry Robinson (21 Jun)
Sonya Rosenberg (20 Jun)
Milton Rudick (23 Jun)
Isaiah Scheeline Jr. (22 Jun)
Rebecca Evelyn Shapiro (12 Tam)
Mortimer Stern (23 Jun)

Joseph Towlen (21 Jun)

Friday, June 25

Sam Barker (26 Jun)
Alvin Berland (2 Jul)
Max Caron (29 Jun)
Roy Wesley Downie (27 Jun)
Dorothy Eisen (2 Jul)
Nathan Ferrer (16 Tam)
Estelle Finkelman (29 Jun)
Louis Freudenstein (27 Jun)
Jack Grusby (21 Tam)

John Kermit Helgesen (27 Jun)
Raymond L. Holm (30 Jun)
Jerome Kaufman (26 Jun)
Megan Kemp (26 Jun)
Florence Korr Lurie (21 Tam)
Ernest E. Pombert (29 Jun)
Justin Rachamim Pregent (21 Tam)
Seymour Robinson (27 Jun)
Melvin Schoenberg (28 Jun)

James R. Smith (18 Tam)
Virginia Williams (27 Jun)

Adding memorials to your membership record is simple. Just call the Temple office 217-352-8140 or email us at 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.

Memorials for July

Friday, July 2

Julius X. Davis (5 Jul)
Marvin Samuel Didech (28 Tam)
Rachel Filinson (7 Jul)
Samuel Goldstein (3 Jul)
David Gordon Goodman (23 Tam)
Edythe Goodman (5 Jul)
Joseph Hamburg (4 Jul)
Harry Kaufman (25 Tam)

Donald Lachman (6 Jul)
Toby Levenson (9 Jul)
Lois E. Mecklenburger (3 Jul)
Libby Miller (3 Jul)
Joseph Reiss (25 Tam)
Irving Z. Sherman (4 Jul)
Renee Soskin (8 Jul)
Frederick Steigmann (4 Jul)

Carey Elmore Terry (8 Jul)
Irvin Levitch Wasserman (28 Tam)
Marion Waxman (29 Tam)
Eugene A. Weinberg (9 Jul)

Friday, July 9

Frances Reiss Adler (14 Jul)
Jean Libman Davis (16 Jul)
Sidney Faiman (7 Av)
Herbert Goldberg (7 Av)
Ella R. Hauptman (11 Jul)
Solomon William Herman (1 Av)
Lotta Rosenberg Kling (1 Av)
David Saul Lavey (11 Jul)

Henry Levin (15 Jul)
Ben Libman (11 Jul)
Frank Monahan (10 Jul)
Maurice Rosefelt (10 Jul)
Ray Spooner (4 Av)
Hattie Ross Sturmthal (13 Jul)

Friday, July 16

Emmy L. Holm (22 Jul)
Dorothy Rosenbloom Kaufman (14 Av)
Stanley Louis Kaufman (22 Jul)
Anita Cohen Lieberman (18 Jul)
Oscar S. Loeb (19 Jul)
Birdie Moritz (20 Jul)
Cantor Moses Schwimmer (8 Av)

Malka Shklair (10 Av)
Albert W. Stern (18 Jul)
Freddie Fabert Witte (21 Jul)

Friday, July 23

Michael Dietchweiler (26 Jul)
Inge Sender Glezer (24 Jul)
Arnold Goodman (16 Av)
Carlyn Gottschalk (30 Jul)
Harry J. Harrison (21 Av)
Daniel Katz (17 Av)
Harry H. Kozoll (30 Jul)
Louis Levitt (28 Jul)
William Libman (26 Jul)

Josie Loeb (29 Jul)
Madelaine Reiss (19 Av)
Sam Rudnick (27 Jul)
Betty Shapiro (29 Jul)
Hilda Damick Weiss (24 Jul)
Jeffrey Wiese (25 Jul)

Friday, July 30

Miriam Lasker Appelbaum (31 Jul)
Elizabeth F. C. Aub (3 Aug)
Ruth Berkman (22 Av)
Beverly Brown Caron (2 Aug)
Rubin G. Cohn (6 Aug)
Norma Dodge (2 Aug)
Arthur Gitler (4 Aug)
Dora Kalis Joffe (4 Aug)
Irwin Raphael Konigsberg (26 Av)

Lester Lowenstein (5 Aug)
Yetta Marco (1 Aug)
M. Richard Mehl (4 Aug)
Sidney Newman (1 Aug)
Gordon Savran (24 Av)
Abraham Stern (31 Jul)
Harriet Solomon Stern (2 Aug)
Muriel Branson Stolarsky (2 Aug)
Ruth Reyman Tager (3 Aug)

Mikhail Tsipursky (31 Jul)
Fanny A. Wagman (3 Aug)